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The Grand Dame of Penang is back
with an all-new Heritage Wing

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CHAPTER
ONE

HERITAGE, REVIVED AND RENEWED

After nine months of refurbishment, the E&O Hotel’s Heritage Wing reopened in December 2019, marking the return of hospitality’s Grand Dame.

The E&O Hotel has always stood as a beacon of classic luxury and a vestige of the past that remains a source of great pride for Penang. Over the years, the hotel has gone through a number of facelifts, including a major upgrading that saw it closed for five years from 1996 till 2001. Between March to December 2019, the Heritage Wing was shuttered to undergo refurbishment and reopened in time to welcome guests on their Christmas and New Year’s vacations.

“In addition to new rooms, most of the focus was on the food and beverage offerings,” Alison Fraser, General Manager of the E&O Hotel, explained. “We introduced new

restaurants and expanded the hotel’s culinary repertoire. Besides the traditional Malaysian and Western fare that our guests have come to love, there are now more classic European dishes and authentic Nyonya delights.” The general idea behind the refurbishment was to fully embrace and celebrate the hotel’s —and Penang’s— heritage. “As you walk through the entire hotel, from the Victory Annexe to the Heritage Wing, you will essentially embark on a journey around South East Asia, with touches of Western influences.”

Here’s a closer look at the renewed Heritage Wing.

The Heritage Wing reopened in time for Christmas and New Year’s celebrations



HOME SUITE HOME

The configurations and number of suites remain unchanged but every unit has been refreshed with softer furnishings and lighter wallpaper. Guests can look forward to more user-friendly amenities such as added plug points and stronger WiFi connection. In each suite, a decanter awaits along with a selection of liquors so that guests can pour themselves a drink whenever they wish. The decanters will be refilled daily.



AT YOUR SERVICE

Butler service has been elevated to enhance guests' experience. That includes catering to pre-arrival requests and arranging airport transfers. You will be greeted by your butler upon arrival and ushered to your suite for check-in. Guests are entitled to complimentary laundry (three pieces of garment per stay) as well as packing and unpacking service.

UNIFORMED HERITAGE

Front desk staff sport updated attire that will be a fresh departure from the usual black-and-white suit look. The new uniforms incorporate designs inspired by vintage floor tiles that are found at the E&O. The doormen's uniforms have also been updated with gold buttons.



The Heritage Wing promises an all-new experience while maintaining well-loved traditions

PRIVATE AND EXCLUSIVE

Taking over the space that used to be Farquhar Bar is The Cornwallis, a private lounge exclusively for guests of the Heritage Wing (and that of Corner Suites from Victory Annexe). Furnished in library-style décor, it is relaxing and quiet, and dotted with a variety of coffee table books. Here, guests can enjoy continental breakfast from 7am-10.30am while cocktails and canapés are served from 6pm-8pm.



*Guests of the
Heritage Wing
enjoy various
exclusive features,
including access to
The Cornwallis*



PALM COURT

Earthy tones and tropical palms welcome you to this casual all-day dining restaurant, where you can tuck into the type of food that signifies Penang’s history: Indian-inspired dishes served in tiffin carriers, all-time popular Chinese noodles, and casual Western favourites like burgers and salads. The hotel’s signature three-tiered English Afternoon Tea service is presented here every afternoon from 3pm-5pm. In the evenings, guests will be serenaded by live piano playing.



THE JAVA TREE & RATTAN ROOM

Named after the hotel’s iconic java tree, this casual dinner-only restaurant is awash in soothing sage green tones that is at once welcoming and elegant. Occupying part of what was Sarkies Corner, The Java Tree offers an exciting dual menu that’s one part Straits Peranakan recipes and one part classic European cuisine, complemented by a selection of wines and beverages.

The Peranakan menu, crafted by a Nyonya chef who runs a private supper club, is not restricted to Penang Nyonya dishes but runs the gamut of flavours from the Straits

Settlements. The dishes are refined while remaining authentic and true to tradition. The European menu, designed by the hotel’s in-house chefs, promise evergreen favourites like beef Wellington, dover sole, beef tartare, and French onion soup.

Besides the main dining area, there is also a space for private dinner experiences called Rattan Room and for guests who prefer to dine al fresco, The Verandah affords sea breeze and views of the coastline. Here, you can sip specialised cocktails while watching the sun go down.

*Embark on an
exciting gastronomic
journey at these new
F&B outlets*



FARQUHAR’S BAR

The popular Farquhar’s Bar remains but shifts to the space that once housed 1885. It moves away from its old pub concept and instead, takes on the vibe of a vintage cocktail bar serving time-honoured staples and classic cocktails, with views of Penang’s waterfront.

Imbibe cocktails and bar staples while lounging at this handsome space



ICONS OF E&O

From architectural details to colonial-era ensembles, these iconic features of the E&O Hotel's Heritage Wing have endured as part of the Sarkies brothers' legacy.

FRONT LINERS

For first-time guests, the hotel's doormen are always a sight to behold as their uniforms present a veritable blast from the past. Their two-piece khaki outfits are completed with knee-high socks and pith helmets, all remnants from colonial times. The pith helmet, also known as Wolseley pattern helmet, was first popularised in the late 19th to early 20th century and worn by the British Army.

METTLE TO THE METAL

All along the corridor in front of the Heritage Wing, you can observe wrought iron grills that add character to the hotel's façade. This style of ironwork was highly coveted back in the day and blacksmiths were well respected for their ability to turn hard metal into objects of beauty.

DOORWAY TO THE PAST

When American inventor Theophilus van Kannel came up with the revolving door in 1888, it wasn't just a fancy design but a practical solution to reduce heating and cooling costs. It also allowed more people to enter and and exit a building at the same time. Over the years, most of these revolving doors have made way for automatic sliding versions but at the Heritage Wing, you can still walk through one to enter or exit the lobby.

YOU'VE GOT MAIL

Set in dark wood panelling, the pigeon hole message box at the Front Desk was once used as its name suggests—to place messages meant for hotel guests. Also known as pidge or cubbyhole, it was once commonly used at offices as an internal mail system.



WHISPERS OF TIME

Stand under the cupola in the lobby and whisper. Your message can be heard clearly all around as the unique dome design sends sounds bouncing off the Carrera marble floors. The cupola was once covered up and when unveiled, revealed 100 light bulbs that beamed light across George Town. It has since been wrapped in glass to let natural light through and into the lobby.



STAIRWAY TO GRANDEUR

Every grand hotel has to have one—a sweeping staircase where brides can make their grand entrance and couples can pose for memorable portraits. E&O’s grand staircase was rebuilt when the original building was demolished in 1981, but recreated in the same elegant design.



AN UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE

When it was installed in 1929, it was one of the country’s earliest passenger lifts. Characterised by a metal grill front, the electric Waygood-Otis lift has to be manually operated and for nearly four decades (from 1956 till the 1990s), the man in charge was Ganasegaran, one of the hotel’s longest-serving employees. The lift, though no longer in use, is in working condition and is one of about 30 Otis creations still in existence around the world today.



ROOTED IN HISTORY

Standing majestically on the lawn between the Heritage Wing and Victory Annexe and facing the seafront, the E&O’s beloved java tree (*pokok kelupang* in Malay) is not only a significant feature of the hotel but revered across Penang as the island’s oldest and largest specimen of its kind. Planted before the hotel was built, it has bore witness to many wedding ceremonies and is considered sacred by the local Tamil-Indian community, who associate the tree with prosperity and material well-being.



FIRE AWAY!

They were once part of the Fort Cornwallis structure, built in the 18th century, that had been shipped to Penang all the way from England. As part of their efforts to preserve the decaying fort, the Sarkies brothers purchased three of the cannons and placed them by the E&O’s seawall, where they remain till today as part of the hotel’s landscape. Each cannon weighs 32lbs (about 14.5kg), has a service charge of 10 2/3lbs (about 4.8kg) of gunpowder, and a firing range of up to 2,900 yards (about 2.65km).



BY THE SEA

Built in 1907, the E&O’s seawall runs along what is the world’s longest hotel seafront and used to be a hotspot among couples who enjoy sitting under the moonlight. That same year, the hotel completed a new two-storey block with 45 bedrooms, a new dining room, and a dance floor.



BEACONS OF FAITH


The hotel’s architecture draws inspiration from various cultures and countries, and that includes northern Indian and Islamic influences, as seen in the minarets. They represent the tower from which the faithful are called to prayer five times a day.



BATHED IN LUXURY

It was unheard of in Penang back in the day so when the E&O outfitted every room with a bathtub, it was certainly the talk of town. It provided hot and cold running water and allowed guests to luxuriate in the tradition of English long baths. Today’s guests continue to soak in this practice and in the same claw foot design bathtub that were *de rigueur* in the late 19th century.






PEARL OF PENANG



MAP

EASTERN & ORIENTAL HOTEL


EST 1885



EASTERN & ORIENTAL HOTEL

George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site



Amenities

VICTORY ANNEXE

Level 6

Planters LOUNGE

All-day Dining,
Traditional Sunday Roast

POOLSIDE TERRACE

PAÑPURI ORGANIC SPA

Swimming Pool
Fitness Centre

Level 5

Function Suites

Macalister Ballroom

The Eastern & Oriental Hotel was established by the famed Sarkies Brothers in 1885 and is the only seafront hotel in the George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site. Over its 134-year history, the E&O Hotel has played host to the world's most celebrated artists, writers and heads of state.

With the relaunched Heritage Wing, the E&O is poised to reprise its role as a leading destination for timeless hospitality. Guests of the E&O can enjoy the luxury of travelling



back through time with personalised services and modern comforts in keeping with the classic style of the historical hotel.

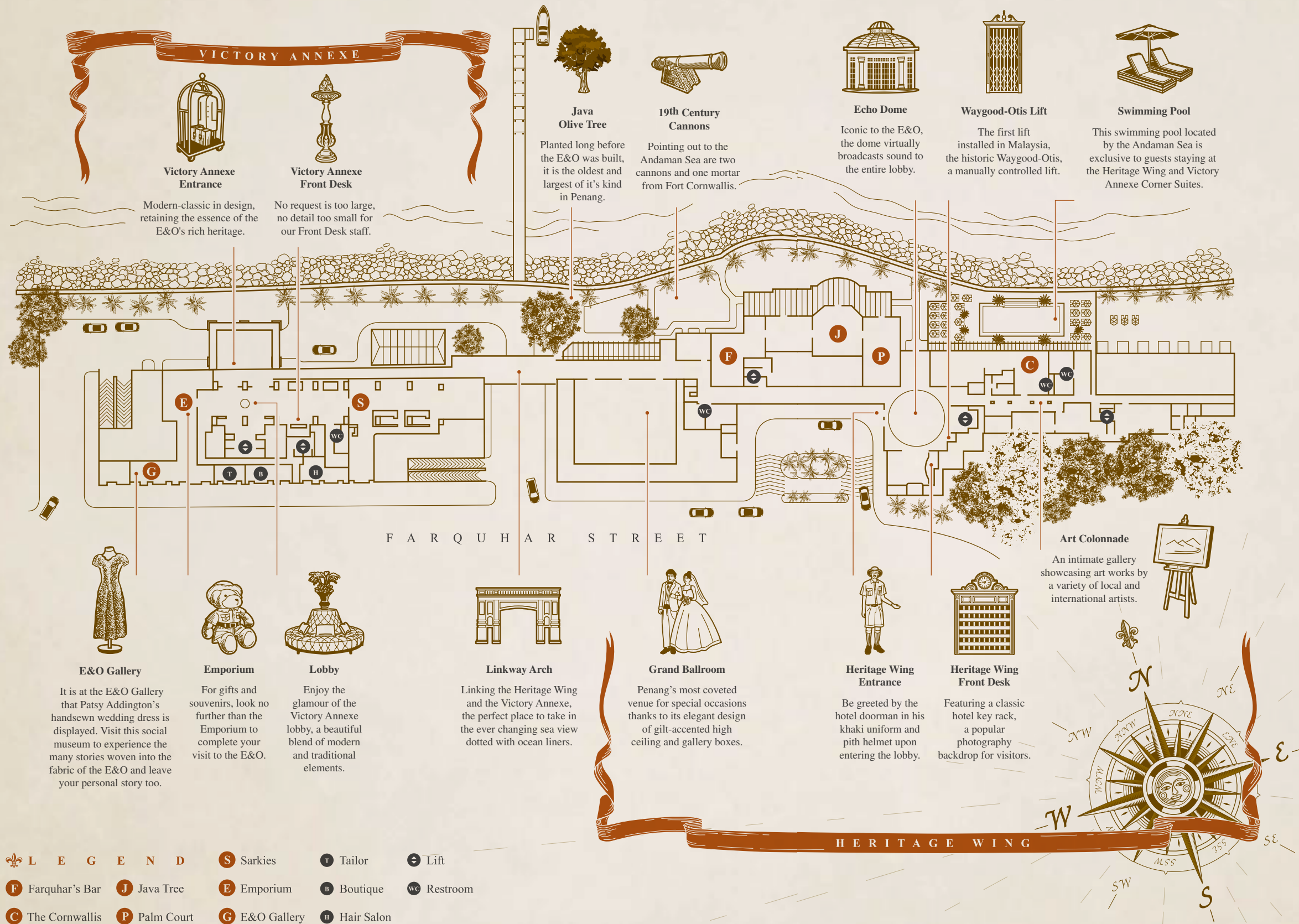
Today, the luxurious all-suite E&O stands as the grande dame of heritage hotels, its arches and facades form natural frames for the longest and most splendid seafront sweep of lawn ever to greet the Andaman Sea. With cannons from the original Fort Cornwallis, Penang's historical icon has stayed picture perfect since 1885.



Sarkies Brothers



THE ANDAMAN SEA



Amenities

VICTORY ANNEXE

Level **G**

E&O GALLERY
Social History Museum

EMPORIUM
E&O Merchandise, Locally Sourced Mementoes & Wearables

SARKIES
All-day Dining

Tailor
Boutique
Hair Salon

HERITAGE WING

Level **G**

FARQUHAR'S BAR
Bar Staples & Classic Cocktails

PALM COURT
Afternoon Tea, Tiffin & Asian Dishes With International Favourites

JAVA TREE
Refined Heritage Flavours

Grand Ballroom
Swimming Pool

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CHAPTER

TWO

E&O LAUNCHES NEW PROPERTY GALLERY

Get the E&O experience in the heart of the city.

Homebuyers who wish to check out Eastern & Oriental’s (E&O) newest developments can now do so at its newly-opened property gallery in the heart of Kuala Lumpur city centre, within easy distance from key landmarks such as Petronas Twin Towers, Bukit Bintang, top hotels, and foreign embassies.

Located along Jalan Tun Razak and next to Dua Residency, one of E&O’s best known projects, the gallery is a two-level space spanning 14,935 sq ft. Its tasteful, elegant settings match the group’s established brand of luxury and hospitality. This new gallery, previously located at E&O’s main office in Damansara Heights, was designed

*E&O’s new
property gallery is
just minutes
from KLCC*



to deliver a meaningful experience and provide an insight into the E&O brand as well as its collection of lifestyle, hospitality and property offerings.

Step in and instantly your eyes will be drawn to a 20ft-high 3D model of Conlay, the Group's latest project that was launched for public preview in November and is

A showcase of the brand's newest offerings



currently opened for registration. Look closer to appreciate the intricate details and sleek features that characterise Conlay, which, like The Mews, is a collaboration with Japan's leading property developer, Mitsui Fudosan. It is designed by renowned architect firm Kerry Hill Architects in



*An inviting space
for prospective
homebuyers*



collaboration with GDP Architects; the former is a highly-respected architecture firm with an award-winning portfolio that includes Aman Tokyo, Amanemu, Martin No. 38 luxury apartments in Singapore, and The Datai Langkawi.

Conlay offers several configurations, from 1-bedroom units starting from 742 sq ft to 2+1-bedroom units of up to 1,334 sq ft. Head to the upper level of the Gallery for a viewing of two fully-appointed show units.

One of two Conlay show units that are available for viewing





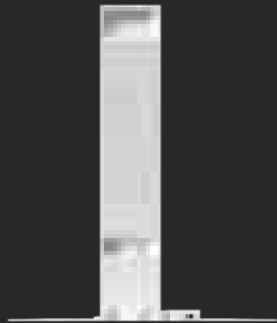
REAL LUXURY IS IN THE CRAFTSMANSHIP

An elegant residence in a coveted, prime neighbourhood of Kuala Lumpur, Conlay promises the ultimate in urban resort living complemented with E&O's renowned hospitality services.

Designed by Kerry Hill Architects, Conlay's sleek lines belie the fine craftsmanship that has been seamlessly woven into a building as beautiful on the outside as it is on the inside. Three distinctive picture-framed bezels highlight a façade that is a work of art, whilst natural and ambient light are carefully filtered to flow into interiors.

Welcome to beautifully crafted, truly extraordinary living.

CONLAY by E&O and Mitsui Fudosan



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for the young
urban professional*



Quality and attention to details are apparent in every corner—be it fixtures or finishing, textures or tiles, landscaping or lighting. Every element of the Conlay has been thoughtfully harmonised to present a luxurious and seamless experience for the home owner.

While you consider your decision, relax in the lounge area over a cup of freshly-brewed coffee or tea and soak in the same luxurious ambience that has become a trademark of E&O’s hospitality.



*The E&O Gallery is at 211A,
Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur.
Opens 9am - 6pm (Monday - Thursday),
10am - 6pm (Saturday and Sunday).
For enquiries or to make an appointment
for viewing, please call 603 2181 8881
or 6017 266 1188*



DOUBLE WIN FOR E&O BERHAD
AT PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

E&O Berhad took home two top honours at iDEA 2019, including Top 10 Developer–People’s Choice Award.

It was an event much anticipated by everyone in the property industry and for Eastern & Oriental Berhad (E&O), it was truly a night to remember. The prestigious iProperty Development Excellence Awards (iDEA), held annually since 2017, celebrates the cream of the crop and recognises outstanding works in architecture, quality

excellence, and design. This year’s awards were judged by an independent panel of esteemed property industry experts from organisations such as the Royal Institute of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM), Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM), Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM) and Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP).



18 East, part of Andaman at Quayside, was named Best Waterfront Development





Quayside Seafront Resort Condominiums, Gold winner of the EdgeProp Malaysia's Best Managed Property Awards 2018.

Feel the breeze

The last of the towers in the most prime of locations – **18 East, Andaman at Quayside** at Seri Tanjung Pinang – is a premium reserve collection of exquisitely-appointed residences, with dedicated entrances and personalised privileges, set within a completed 4.5 acre waterpark. Each of the one-, two- and three-bedroom units have exceptional views – the ocean, the hills or Gurney Drive – take your pick. Review your day, or plan the next from your lofty, comfortable perch in the sky. Home is everything you dreamed it would be.

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Quayside

SEAFRONT RESORT CONDOMINIUMS



Held on 9 October 2019 at the Grand Ballroom of the St Regis Hotel Kuala Lumpur, iDEA 2019 was attended by over 450 luminaries from the property and real estate sectors. The glamorous gala presentation named a total of 36 winners in various categories and for a multitude of achievements.

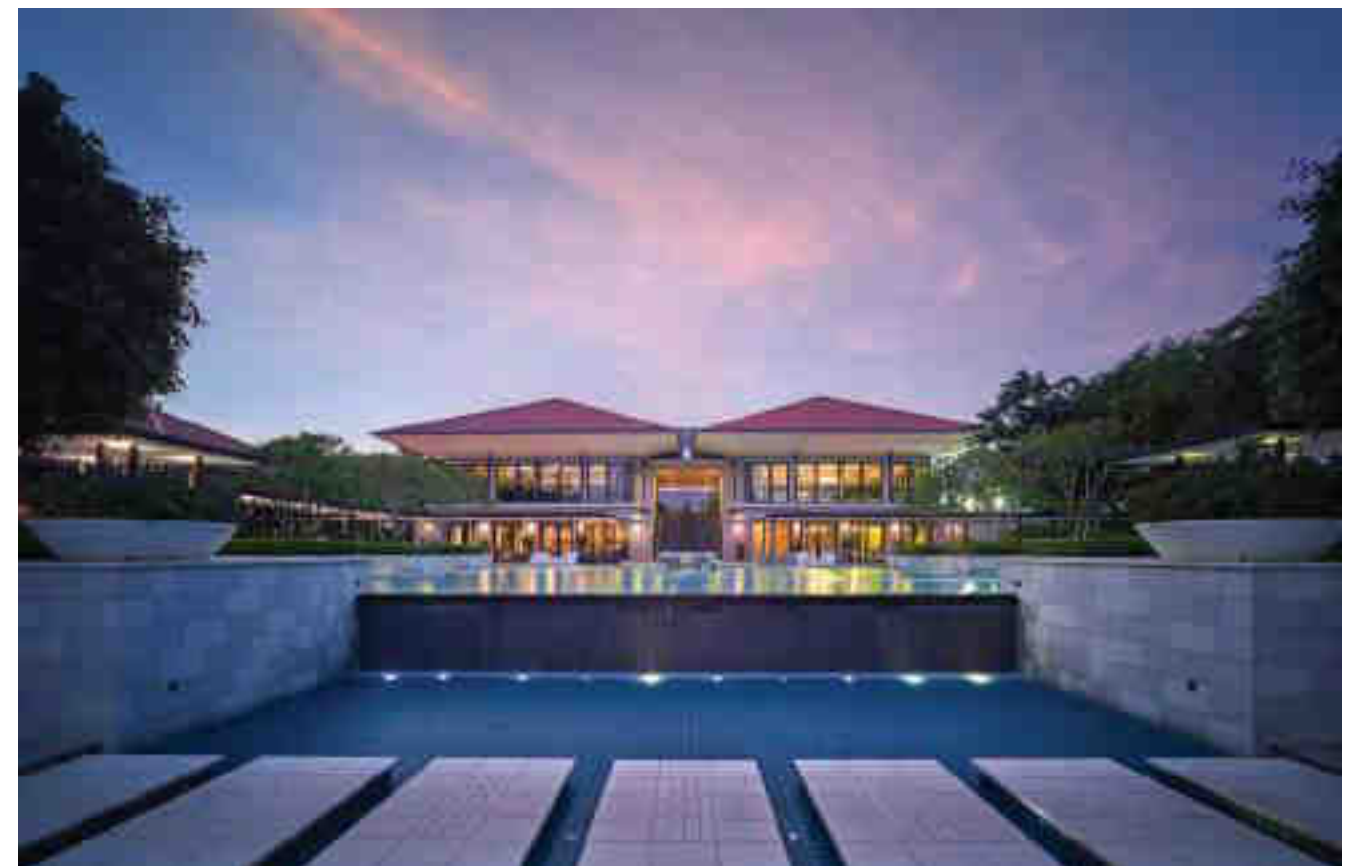
One the most coveted accolades of the night was the Top 10 Developers—People's Choice Award, where winners were determined by public voting. E&O Berhad clinched the number one spot, proving yet again the company's commitment to quality and excellence and cementing its brand of luxury and hospitality.

The company added another feather in its cap when 18 East, Andaman at Quayside was named the Best Waterfront Development at the same ceremony.

Located in Penang's Seri Tanjung Pinang, 18 East was named after its geographical coordinates and represents the best of resort-styled seafront living.

Surrounded by more than five acres of lush landscaping, it's a veritable green sanctuary outfitted with world-class facilities, a clubhouse and stunning ocean views, and is the only condominium project in Malaysia that has a private waterpark.

The clubhouse is equipped with world-class facilities for the enjoyment of Andaman's residents



KEEPING TRADITIONS ALIGHT

The E&O Hotel's annual Christmas tree lighting was made extra special as the hotel also unveiled its refurbished Heritage Wing for the first time.

You couldn't have missed it. Towering in the centre of the lobby and standing proudly right below the glass cupola, the E&O Hotel's Christmas tree was festooned in baubles and tinsels and surrounded by oversized gift packages.

Christmas was indeed in the air and had been since 1 December, when the tree was lit up at a party attended by more than 400 guests. This annual Christmas tree lighting event, long a mainstay of Penang's social calendar, was made even more meaningful

The E&O Christmas tree stood tall and proud under the cupola

CHAPTER
THREE



this year as the E&O also unveiled, for the very first time, new facets of the Heritage Wing that had been closed for a nine-month refurbishment.

After a welcome speech from Alison Fraser, the hotel's General Manager, the countdown began for the lights to go on, with the enthusiastic crowd cheering it

on. A local choir group then led the way through well-loved Christmas carols, putting everyone into a festive mood as they clinked glasses and nibbled on *hors d'oeuvres*.

Guests had the opportunity to explore all-new F&B establishments on the ground level, view an exhibition on the hotel's



history at the Francis and Martina suite, and walk through the new art colonnade that will host rotating exhibitions, starting with Penang photographer Howard Tan's *Of Birdmen and Other Extraordinary Events* collage art.

A Garden Suite was also made available for guests' viewing, allowing a sneak peek

into the multitude of refreshments that have been put in place to enhance comfort and conveniences. These include stronger WiFi connection, improved plumbing, butler service, and in-suite decanters with complimentary premium beverages that will be replenished daily.

A festive mood prevailed at E&O's Christmas tree lighting ceremony





BEAN THERE, DONE THAT

Savour a full-on specialty coffee experience at Full Of Beans.

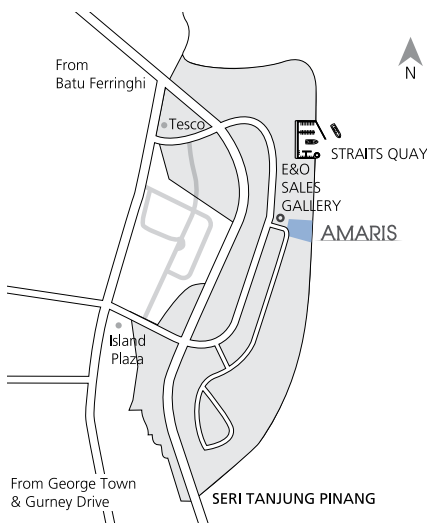
An array of apparatus sit on the counter and line the shelves behind. There could be water bubbling away in a glass beaker, liquid gold percolating in another, steam wafting from or sweating into pots. For the novice, walking into a specialty coffee bar can be rather daunting and it doesn't help that, short of men or women in white coats, the setting may appear more science lab than casual hangout. What, where and how do you even begin to explore the world of specialty coffees without coming off like a noob?

At Full Of Beans, you can have a complete coffee experience within a casual, welcoming ambience. There is no right or wrong about it, just a matter of taste and preference and their baristas will guide you through every step. Do you take your coffee black or white? Do you prefer a fruity, nutty, or chocolatey taste? What kind of a mouthfeel are you after—lingering notes or a light touch on the tongue? The baristas will then make their recommendations and from the wide variety of coffee beans and apparatus they have at hand, craft that perfect cup to suit your taste buds.

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Three-storey high with private elevators to encourage multi-generational living by the sea, Amaris homes range in size from 5,262 square feet for intermediate units to 6,540 square feet for corner units.

Those who know, insist on E&O.

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Start by deciding on the bean. The cafe gets their beans from trusted roasters in Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Australia and Taiwan, who, in turn, source them from all corners of the globe. Beans from America tend to be more nutty whereas those from Africa are more acidic and fruity, while Asian beans lean towards spicy or earthy. The final taste depends on the processing technique, and Full Of Beans’ menu details all the necessary information to help you decide which one might be more your cup of coffee: Region, farm, country, processing method, and tasting notes.

After you’ve chosen the beans, you decide on the brewing method. “For those who are new to specialty coffee, we usually suggest the siphon as it’s not so common,” says cafe manager, Sim Jin Aik. “The method doesn’t affect the taste of the beans but it gives different mouthfeels. You can brew the same beans in a siphon and a filter. The former will result in a stronger mouthfeel compared to the latter.” Take your time and have a chat with the barista before deciding. As Sim describes it, specialty coffee is about sharing stories. Each bean has its own tale to tell, from farm to table.



From left: The siphon is one method of coffee making; they also serve single origin teas and a selection of cakes

You can further tailor your drink by adding milk, for example. “For specialty coffee, we recommend drinking it black but it’s up to you. Many of our foreign customers like to add a dash of milk.” They serve oat milk too. The possibilities are thus endless and with their monthly-rotating selection of specialty beans, even regulars won’t get bored. Their espresso-based offerings are no less exciting; besides the usual latte and cappuccino, you can get a strong caffeine kick with an ice drip coffee or a touch of savoury with the sea salt latte.

Non-coffee drinkers won’t feel left out either, as Full Of Beans offers many interesting variations. Try their single origin teas, Rooibos tea-based Red Espresso or Latte, hot chocolate using single origin cocoa from Sabah, and there’s even a drink for the little ones—Babyccino, which is steamed milk with foam.

Ultimately, you decide what experience you’d like to have and Full Of Beans will help bring your coffee story to life.

Full Of Beans, 3H-G-11,
Straits Quay, Penang.
Opens 9.30am-9.30pm daily



NEW BEGINNINGS

penangpac is set to kick off 2020 with a bang through a variety of performing arts shows that cover all genres. Start marking your calendar now!

JANUARY

VOICE 2: INTRODUCTION TO STORYTELLING FOR ADULTS
4 Jan @ 10am – 5pm | **studio 1**
Tickets: RM200, Auditing: RM120, RM200 (VOICE 2 & 3)

Learn to be a great storyteller or captivating communicator in this two-day workshop that focuses on verbal and non-verbal communication, including using your voice, facial expressions, and gestures.

VOICE 3: INTENSIVE VOCAL WORKOUT FOR ACTORS
5 Jan @ 10am – 5pm | **studio 1**
Tickets: RM200, Auditing: RM120, RM200 (VOICE 2 & 3)

This workshop is mainly targeted at working actors with at least two years of acting experience and is also open to those who have completed VOICE 1. The aim, besides giving actors the opportunity to advance their vocal training, is to further equip participants with the necessary skillsets and knowledge.

FEBRUARY

THE PENANG WIND ORCHESTRA 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT
15 Feb @ 8pm | **stage 1**
Tickets: RM30 (Adults), RM20 (Students)

The Penang Wind Orchestra celebrates two decades of high quality symphonic music. In this special one night-only performance, 40 young and talented musicians have been handpicked to perform major works from Gustav Holst, Sir Edward Elgar, Alfred Reed, and Naohiro Iwai, among others.

SHAKESPEARE DEMYSTIFIED: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM
15 Feb @ 8:30pm | **stage 2**
16 Feb @ 3pm | **stage 2**
*12 – 15 Feb Special showtimes available for school groups
Tickets: RM45 (Adults), RM35 (Students, Senior Citizens above60, OKU and TAS Card Holders)
Promotion : RM30 (School Group above 25 pax)

Catch this special performance on the canonical speeches and scenes from *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. Each will be accompanied with narration of plots and discussion of the themes. Audience members are invited to join the discussion during the Q&A session.

OPEN DAY OF TAS ACADEMY @ PENANGPAC
23 Feb @ 10am | **studios**
Free Admission

BODHIVRKSA
28 Feb @ 8pm | **stage 1**
29 Feb @ 2pm, 8pm | **stage 1**
1 Mar @ 2pm | **stage 1**
RM40 (Adults), RM30 (Students)

MARCH

SYIOK SENDIRI 9: THE POWER OF POMBELE
6 – 8 Mar @ 8:30pm | **stage 2**
Tickets: RM50 (Adults), RM45 (Students, Senior Citizens above 60, OKU and TAS Card Holders)
Promotion : Early Bird RM35 (valid until 5 Jan)

The hit Malaysian comedy-variety show returns with their ninth instalment, themed “Power of Pombele” to commemorate International Women’s Day. As usual, expect a no holds barred, roller coaster ride with a smidgen of political incorrectness. The cast includes Daniel de Silva, Desmond “Big D” Ngooi, Sotong Lim, Grayden Goon, and introducing Karam Tabba.

PRAJNA PARAMITA—HEART SUTRA CONCERT
13 – 14 Mar @ 8:30pm | **stage 1**
15 Mar @ 3pm | **stage 1**
Tickets: RM180, RM120, RM70

World-renowned and dedicated Dharma musician and vocalist Imee Ooi and Dharma Men’s Vocal Group Jing Shi Jin Gang (JSJG) returns to penangpac after their sold out concert Sound of Metta, which was held in Penang last May.

Her new production, The Prajna Paramita—Heart Sutra Concert is a truly enriching and uplifting show that combines musical theatre arts with modern ambient and traditional sounds, and features a unique mixture of music genres ranging from ancient Buddhist to modern pop. Presented in eight different languages, it will surely touch people’s hearts around the world besides aiding in planetary healing.

FORKBEARD: A VIKING ODDYSEY
19 – 20 Mar @ 8:30pm | **stage 1**
21 Mar @ 3pm, 8:30pm | **stage 1**
22 Mar @ 8:30pm | **stage 1**
Tickets: RM48, RM38 (Conc.)

Driven by the quest for ultimate dominance over the Northern Seas, two powerful kings—once close friends—are locked in a struggle for power in the Wild North of Scandinavia, in 1000 AD. Forkbeard of the Danes and his scheming Queen Sigrid, and Olav of the Norse and his Queen Thyra, led by the interventions of a scheming and sly storyteller, embark on a dangerous journey that may destroy them all.

APRIL

HAPPY GRADUATION !
3 Apr @ 8pm | **stage 1**
4 Apr @ 2pm, 8pm | **stage 1**
5 Apr @ 2pm | **stage 1**
Tickets: RM80, RM60, RM40

The only thing a student should focus on is studying. That’s what all the grown-ups say, including You Xiang’s parents and teachers. You Xiang, a Form 5 student, used to be like everyone else, holding the candle of a dream deep inside his heart. In order to be the perfect student, he devotes all his time and effort into studying and earning the best grades he can. This is his last year of high school. His class, 5SA1, needs one more person for their graduation performance. You Xiang now has a decision to make: Follow his dreams or uphold everyone else’s ideals.

MAY

BALLET ILLUMINATIONS 2020
1 May @ 8:30pm | **stage 1**
2 May @ 3pm, 8:30pm | **stage 1**
3 May @ 2pm | **stage 1**
Tickets: TBC

A COUPLE OF SECRETS
8 – 9 May @ 8:30pm | **stage 2**
10 May @ 3pm | **stage 2**
Tickets: RM45 (Adults), RM35 (Students, Senior Citizens above 60, OKU and TAS Card Holders)
Promotion : Early Bird RM35 (valid until 10 Apr)

PARENT’S DAY EXHIBITION
10 – 28 May @ 10am – 6:30pm | **gallery 1 & 2**
Free Admission

JUNE

PENANG INTERNATIONAL WIND MUSIC FESTIVAL 2020
3 – 6 Jun @ 7:30pm | **stage 1 & 2**
Finale Concert: 6 Jun @ 7:30pm | **stage 1 & 2**

BRING ME TO THE MOVIES
13 Jun @ 7pm | **stage 1**
15 Dec (Sun) @ 3pm | **stage 2**
Tickets: RM20, Free entry for kids below 5

A children’s string ensemble, consisting of performers from as young as four, will perform a selection of soundtracks from popular movies.

TRADITIONAL THEATRE SERIES : BORIA
26 – 28 Jun @ 8:30pm | **stage 2**
Tickets: RM45 (adults), RM35 (students, senior citizens above 60, OKU and TAS card holders), RM30 (10 pax and above)

ALL ABOUT LECTHUMI
26 – 28 Jun @ 8:30pm | **stage 2**
Tickets: RM45 (Adults), RM35 (Students, Senior Citizens above 60, OKU and TAS Card Holders), RM30 (10pax and above)



NOTE
1. All the above performances are held at penangpac.
2. The details above are correct at the time of printing and may be subject to change. For the latest updates, please visit www.penangpac.org.

THE YEAR THAT WAS

These four properties share an important fact with the E&O Hotel: they were all established in 1885.

One hundred and thirty four—that’s how ‘young’ the E&O Hotel is this year, well over a century since the Sarkies brothers threw open her doors to welcome guests into what was then (and still is today) one of the grandest hotels in Penang. Over the years, she has gone through numerous changes, adaptations and refreshments to cater to the needs of discerning travellers. The most recent refurbishment, which took place

over nine months in 2019, saw the Heritage Wing being given an all-new look and numerous enhancements to make it more 21st century-friendly while maintaining the timeless elegance it has always stood for. The grand dame of Penang joins a list of esteemed hotels around the world that were born in 1885 and has managed to remain relevant through the times.

The E&O is one of the most historic hotels in Malaysia



**Grand Hotel Amrath Kurhaus,
The Netherlands**

Originally built as a concert hall and a 120-room hotel, the Kurhaus is a majestic building that would not look out of place in a Wes Anderson film. Sitting on the coast of Scheveningen in The Hague, it has always been the centre of attention and adored by the public.

Members of the royalty and heads of state count among their list of regular guests and until the mid-1960s, it was a popular

venue for shows by top artists. The last performance that took place at its concert hall, Kurhauszaal, was by the Rolling Stones.

The Kurhaus was nearly demolished in 1975 after falling into disrepair following years of abandonment but was saved and protected as a historic building, before reopening in 1979. Today, they welcome guests to their 265 rooms for a taste of “world luxury by the sea”.

*From concert hall
to luxury hotel by
the sea*



**Grand Hotel Huis Ter Duin,
The Netherlands**

The fishing village of Noordwijk is an unlikely location for a luxury hotel but back in 1883, the mayor of the time believed that a stylish seaside resort was exactly what the village needed in order to level up. So began the construction of Grand Hotel Huis Ter Duin, perched on the village's highest dune.

His foresight proved fortuitous and right from the start, the hotel attracted the royal families of The Netherlands and Belgium,

Princess Grace of Monaco, as well as affluent members of society and celebrities the likes of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. The hotel consists of two buildings, The Historic and The Grand Hotel.

The former was the original hotel that survived a great fire in 1990 whereas the latter was rebuilt following the incident. Both afford stunning sunset views over the North Sea and sweeping panoramas of Noordwijk.

*The hotel that
turned a fishing
village around*



Hotel Norge, Norway

An icon of Bergen and one of its most prominent hotels, the Norge sits at the end of Torgallmenningen, the city’s main square. That puts it in a convenient location, within walking distance to shops, restaurants and cultural highlights. Bergen is surrounded by seven mountains so the hotel is blessed with unparalleled vistas, which it cleverly makes the most of by fitting rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows.

Some of its 415 rooms afford different views as they look out to the picturesque Lille Lungegaardsvann lake. The views are matched by the cuisine offered at its in-house restaurants, led by Bocuse d’Or gold medal winner Ørjan Johannessen.

*A city hotel
surrounded by
mountains*



Photo courtesy of Hotel Norge

Hamilton Princess Hotel, Bermuda

Nicknamed the Pink Palace for the colour of its façade, Bermuda’s only luxury urban resort has always catered to the elite and has counted, among its prolific guests, Mark Twain (who reportedly loved to smoke cigars on the verandah) and James Bond creator Ian Fleming, who drew inspiration for *Dr No* from the hotel’s fish tank-lined Gazebo Bar.

The resort is revered for a number of reasons: its 157 rooms and suites overlook the breathtaking Hamilton Harbour; its location places guests within just minutes of Hamilton city’s top shopping, dining and nightlife hot spots; it’s home to a world-class art collection, Bermuda’s only full-service hotel marina and its only celebrity chef restaurant, by Marcus Samuelsson.

*The Pink Palace
is truly a sight to
behold*



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