

RM40M REFURBISHMENT

# E&O HOTEL TO REOPEN HERITAGE WING

Substantial modifications done to public spaces, guest suites and F&B spaces

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**T**HE Eastern & Oriental Hotel (E&O Hotel) is set to reopen its Heritage Wing in December following the completion of a RM40 million refurbishment exercise.

The wing was closed in March to facilitate the upgrade.

"A substantial investment has been made on aesthetic modifications to the public spaces and

100 guest suites, with more obvious upgrades made to the food and beverage (F&B) spaces.

"The seawall has also had extensive improvements made to protect the property from high seas," said E&O Hotel general manager Alison Fraser.

The E&O Hotel, with its old, colonial charm, was established by the Sarkies brothers from Armenia in 1884 as the Eastern.

The Oriental was added the next year, and both properties were later combined to form the E&O Hotel.



*An artist's impression of the Palm Court at Eastern & Oriental Hotel's refurbished Heritage Wing.*

This luxury heritage hotel was advertised as "The Premier Hotel East of the Suez" in 1927 and boasts of a 902-foot seafront lawn acknowledged as "the longest of any hotel in the world".

The Sarkies brothers later established other hotels like the Crag Hotel on Penang Hill, along with Singapore's Raffles Hotel and The Strand in Yangon.

Complementing the Heritage Wing is the Victory Annexe that opened in 2013 and features 118

studio suites and 14 corner suites.

Fraser said renovation and refurbishment works were the most extensive since the Heritage Wing opened in 2001 and would see the premises equipped with a host of new guest suites, dining concepts and public spaces.

"These updates will keep the E&O Hotel relevant to the evolving luxury travel market."

"At the same time, careful consideration has been taken to en-

sure we retain the timeless elegance that is unique to this cherished heritage landmark."

Among the new features is the "Palm Court", which is expected to offer E&O's time-honoured afternoon tea, along with a collection of Asian favourites on its all-day dining menu.

She said E&O Hotel's guests were primarily from the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, the United States, Japan, Singapore, China and Hong Kong.