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The Prestige Hotel

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Developer: Public Packages Holding
 Architecture: KL Wong Architect
 Interior Design: Ministry of Design
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A new urban heritage hotel in Penang's capital city of George Town has announced its October opening date.

Launching as a member of Design Hotels and featuring 162 guestrooms, an all-day restaurant, a rooftop infinity pool and a vibrant dining and retail arcade, The Prestige Hotel has been envisioned by developer PPH and designer Ministry of Design as a mix of contemporary and colonial aesthetics for a style billed as Tropical Victorian. Set within a newbuild structure designed by KL Wong Architect along Church Street – at the heart of the city's UNESCO World Heritage Site – the project will open amidst a cluster of intricate Victorian-era buildings to showcase a repackaging of the colonial style as well as several allusions to magic and trickery.

Taking cues from the Christian Bale-starring magician film of the same name, the challenging site layout has seen Ministry of Design employ visual tricks and the element of surprise in

order to counteract long, narrow proportions the studio felt could be monotonous. As such, elements including a custom reception desk that appears to balance on spheres, hidden doors in guestrooms revealing pantries, and mechanised lights that rotate to cast shadows of lattice have all been created to animate it.

Guestrooms ranging from standard to deluxe to loft feature custom-designed showers and wardrobe enclosures fitted with champagne bronze tinted metal and glass, as well as a Victorian vanity mirror frame abstracted with angular forms that appears to float.

Elsewhere, inspired by the classic English Victorian conservatory, The Glasshouse restaurant is housed within latticed metal frame walls and glazing, with mirrored surfaces creating the illusion of multiple rooms, where chef Shafiq Rizhar Rozali will serve up modern takes on local favourites including Nyonya Ulam Rice and Crispy Chicken Gochujang.

