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# G Hotel Kelawai



**A**gainst the historic backdrop of George Town, Malaysia, G Hotel Kelawai aspired to be a contemporary, outspoken expression of its time and place.

An urban hotel with a sophisticated outlook, G Hotel Kelawai is targeted towards corporate executives and well-heeled business people. The 24-storey building features 208 guest rooms, a rooftop infinity edge swimming pool, 3 food and beverage outlets (including a rooftop bar), a 24-hour gym, an executive lounge, state of the art function rooms, and a 2-storey basement car park.

Passive environmental design strategies were harnessed to address the given climate, locality, and orientation of the site. The building's outward facade—of darkened recesses and white streaks—is



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both a statement piece and an environmental device. Overhangs, vertical shields and control of windows make a tripartite system that radically cuts heat gain, reducing the energy and cost of keeping the hotel cool in Penang's relentless sun.

This double-layered 'skin' enveloping the building is made of two parts; the outer skin is a sun-shading screen made in durable and easily recyclable aluminium, with hollow sections on the podium and expanded mesh on the tower component.

White mesh, held between white ribbons of overhangs, staggers across the elevation in a visual rhythm—expressing the flux and movement that characterises the hotel design language. When night falls, the building comes alive in a dance of light and colour, animating the city.

Aluminium battens, the product of a local industry, is applied iteratively to define the podium and lobby interiors. The entrance's singularity of tone and texture is modulated by soft light and proportioned openings.

## › PROJECT DETAILS

**Project Name:** G Hotel Kelawai  
**Location:** George Town, Malaysia  
**Design Team:** K2LD Architects Pte Ltd  
**Completion Date:** 2015  
**Site Area:** GFA – 15418 sqm

### Fact Sheet

Item: Fixed and Fitted	Area Used
Design Tex	Guestroom bedhead
Acacia	Upholstery
Zimmer and Rhode	Upholstery
Edl	Wall panelling
Formica	Wardrobe door
Lamitak	Wall panelling
Artex	Generally throughout
AGC	Generally throughout
Hunter Douglas	Guestroom window blinds
Grohe	Bathroom fixture
American Standard	Bathroom fixture
Dorma	Public area acoustic door
Item: Lighting	Area used
Contardi	Public area and suite
Anglepoise	Guestroom bedside lamp
Neoz	Portable outdoor light
Item: Furniture	Area used
Herman Miller	Guestroom study table chair
Baxter	Reception lobby lounge chair
Pedrali	Outdoor bar
Seralunga	Greenery pots
Camerich	Guestroom furniture
Philos	Public area furniture
Jati & Kebon	Outdoor furniture
Podium	All-day dining chairs