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Shades of green from boardroom to boudoir

KUALA LUMPUR'S GTower Hotel takes its business and pleasure seriously.

The twin 30-storey towers house a boutique hotel, restaurants and offices in the KLCC and Embassy precincts and it's the first building in Malaysia to receive green credentials under Singapore's Building and Construction Authority Green Mark Scheme.

The building, positioned to reduce the amount of heat transfer, was built with green-certified materials and IT equipment.

Rainwater is harvested for landscape irrigation, outdoor decking is made of compressed rice husks, lounge chairs are recycled and reupholstered and stools are woven from water hyacinth raffia.

The hotel's 180 rooms include king beds and marble-finished bathrooms with rain showers. Guests have access to two heated infinity pools and studios for pilates, yoga and dance.

The View Rooftop Bar on the 29th floor opened in June. It has views of the Petronas Towers and Titiwangsa mountain range, and is staffed by four dedicated mixologists with degrees in hospitality.

Cocktails with a local flavour include the Jungle Bird (Cuban rum, Campari and pineapple juice) and South China Sea Punch (homemade Falernum with fresh passionfruit, orange, lime and Cuban rum).

One floor down, Tanzini restaurant has a farm-to-table mantra and sources its perch and barramundi from local organic farms. Kitchen staff prepare dishes from scratch including the pasta, in dishes such as bird's-eye chilli and squid-ink tagliatelle.

For a dinner party du jour, there's Perrier-



Jouet for 28 while Salon Prive comes with butler, private outdoor deck, living room with chandeliers and leather sofas.

The hotel's business club has free wi-fi, three soundproof boardrooms, lounges for private meetings and all-day dining.

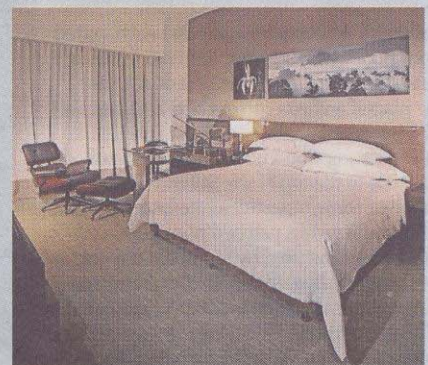
Within the office precinct, space can be leased on a long-term basis or, for those who can't commit, the FlexOffice offers month-by-month packages.

If it's just an address you need, virtual offices are also available.

Hotel rooms cost from 424 ringgit (\$135).

See gtowerhotel.com.

Jane Reddy travelled courtesy of Tourism Malaysia and Air Asia.



Tip-top ... a green-certified room at GTower Hotel; (top) the View Rooftop Bar.