



SOORI PENANG

In the oldest part of George Town, Penang—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—a cluster of shophouses hides a cultural treasure: Khoo Kongsi, the ancestral clan house of the Khoo family. Originally from China's Fujian province, the Khoos were prosperous Straits Chinese traders who settled in 17th-century Melaka and later in Penang. Built in 1906, the Kongsi now anchors the granite-paved Cannon Square with its vivid colors, intricate carvings, grand columns, and richly ornamented roof.

For Singapore-based architect Soo K. Chan, Khoo Kongsi is more than a historical landmark. It was home. Raised within the compound by his maternal Khoo clan, Chan's childhood was shaped by the rhythms of shophouse life—light filtering through wooden shutters and quiet courtyards. Now, Chan returns to his roots. As part of his global Soori collection, he is restoring his family's 1906 clan house in Cannon Square into Soori Penang, a boutique hotel and lifestyle experience that honors both cultural heritage and contemporary design.

Guests of Soori Penang will enjoy privileged access and a deeply personal connection to Khoo Kongsi, a living temple that continues to host vibrant ceremonies and cultural events—offering an immersive window into Penang's enduring traditions.

"It's coming full circle," Chan reflects. "This is where it all began."

More than a hotel, the project is a tribute to memory, place, and the enduring spirit of George Town.

