

Naumi Liora Hotel



Naumi Liora, Singapore. Photograph: John Brunton

The beautiful pastel facade of the 1920s Naumi Liora seems to take up half of the street – not surprising as it was originally 10 Chinatown shophouses. Opened less than a year ago, this sleek and rather eccentric hotel has 79 rooms, plus a gym and a popular restaurant called The Study serving Brit comfort food, created by English chef Jason Atherton. At the private bar, The Library, you need a password at the door to get in (it changes weekly and is posted on Facebook). All that is missing in this faux-English public school world is the Tuck Shop, so it is not surprising that free ice-cream and help-yourself jars of crisps, smarties and chocolate creams are available in the lobby. The entry-rate rooms are all on the top floor, and although they are roomier than much of the competition, be prepared for attic spaces with no windows: the owners were not allowed to add skylights because of the heritage-protected status of the building.

• 55 Keong Saik Road, naumiliora.com, +65 6403 6000, doubles from S\$216 (£102), breakfast extra