

2 TO 13 ST GREGORY'S PLACE



1998 AWARD

Owner:

Hotel Grand Plaza (S) Pte Ltd

Architect:

RSP Architects Planners & Engineers (Pte) Ltd

Engineer:

RSP Architects Planners & Engineers (Pte) Ltd

Contractor:

Taisei Corporation

This project entails the restoration of 10 units of two-storey conservation shophouses of the Transitional Shophouse style and the construction of an L-shaped ten-storey new building to achieve a harmonious integration of the “old with the new”. The challenge was to ensure that the conservation shophouses are not overwhelmed by the new building. The resultant image is an embracing form whereby the conservation shophouses become the heart of the development within the “arms” of the contemporary hotel.



The restored shophouses seen against backdrop of new development

In view that the project is an integrated development, the flooring of the conservation shophouses was allowed to be changed to reinforced concrete to meet fire safety standard. All existing corbels, pilasters and mouldings were retained and restored. An atrium was introduced to harmonise the conservation shophouses with the new building. The “rear” of the shophouses was redefined to provide the shophouses

adjacent to the atrium with the double frontage linking the old and new, both visually and spatially. A carefully designed landscape courtyard, which includes water features and palm trees, serves as a quiet oasis within the whole development for the enjoyment of the hotel guests and the public. Passers-by can catch a glimpse of the conservation shophouses amidst the lush courtyard from Hill Street through a gateway structure at the entrance of St Gregory's Place.

The new hotel buildings and podium maintain their contemporary feel but draw some classical references as seen in the

symmetrical form of the tall blocks, abstracted mouldings and keystone in granite, complementing the conservation shophouses.

The final product is a variety of spatial types, encapsulating a character of its own and integrating the existing old shophouses harmoniously with the new development.



Details of arches



Arches, keystones and mouldings repeated to reinforce shophouse imagery with hotel interior



Timber windows restored and retained



"Heart" of development as viewed from pool deck



1st Storey of shophouse converted to restaurant use



Restored shophouses with carefully designed landscape courtyard

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