

Nos. 59 & 61 KIM YAM ROAD



1999 AWARD

Owner:

Conservation Homes Pte Ltd

Architect:

SCDA Architects

Engineer:

T H Ng Management & Consultancy Services

Contractor:

Peakform Construction Pte Ltd

The project involves two units of single-storey Early Style warehouses, located on a narrow hilly terrain along Kim Yam Road in the River Valley Secondary Settlement.

The buildings, together with a side lane, are designated for residential use. The



Single-storey warehouses restored into a traditional Chinese courtyard house

existing main buildings were to be retained and restored and a new extension up to two storeys was allowed at the rear for greater flexibility in adapting the buildings for modern-day living. Prior to restoration, the buildings were in fairly good condition.

Externally, the facades of the buildings are kept and restored. These include the decorative fluted brickwork columns with moulded capitals and bases, casement windows, panelled doors, and the five-footway. The

problem of having two front doors to the dwelling was circumvented by the introduction of a main entry through a gated cobblestone-and-landscaped court on the side lane. Internally, the dwelling is turned into a traditional Chinese courtyard house. The main buildings, which are

conserved, are reconfigured into bedroom, dining and kitchen areas. A reflecting pool with skylight above is introduced as the central feature between the conserved part and the new rear extension. The rooms on the new mezzanine floor and the second storey of the rear extension are reached by two new staircases via an open-air arcade overlooking the central feature.

The two conserved main buildings are cleverly integrated with the new rear extension, resulting in a cosy yet spacious dwelling suited for a modern-day lifestyle.



Stairs leading to mezzanine and second storey of rear extension



Timber-clad study loft at mezzanine



Living area looking towards the main entrance



Jackroof to bring in light and air to building interior



Open-air arcade at second storey overlooking central feature



Reflecting pool with skylight above serves as a central feature between the old and new