

Nos. 36 CLUB STREET & 23 MOHAMMED ALI LANE

Faithful yet Innovative Restoration



Owner:

Citystate Properties Pte Ltd

Architect:

RSP Architects Planners & Engineers (Pte) Ltd

Engineer:

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Contractor:

U. Sage Contracts Pte Ltd

Located in the Chinatown Historic District, this project comprises a 4-storey Art Deco building and two 2-storey shophouses of the Early Style. The first storey is for commercial use and the upper floors are for residential purposes.

Prior to restoration, the taller building was in poor structural condition and the internal reinforced concrete frames had to be replaced. The partywalls of both buildings were propped up before piling and substructure works began, and micro-piles were used to minimise vibration.

The original central corridor layout on the upper storeys



A combination of faithful and innovative restoration

of the Art Deco building has been maintained. However, a new jackroof and void have been added to enhance its interior. On its exterior, air-conditioning condensers are cleverly concealed behind timber grilles in order that the design blends in with the building.

All the original features of the shophouses have been retained and restored. Connecting the shophouses to the Art Deco building is an opening created in the ground-floor partywall.

Worth mentioning is how the unusual terrain of the site was exploited to introduce a new

underground wine cellar. In this way, the final product is a combination of faithful and innovative restoration.



Original features of the 2-storey Early Style shophouses retained and restored



Restored front facade of the 4-storey Art Deco building



Cleverly concealed air-conditioning condensers behind timber grilles



Residential entrance to the 4-storey Art Deco building



Creation of refreshment area within the existing courtyard



Bridge link to residential entrance



Interior of first storey