

Late Shophouse Style

This is the most spectacular style, particularly in the use of ornamentation. The tripartite arrangement of windows on the facade reduces the wall space to a minimum and provides maximum ventilation. In later examples, the 'wall' surface is replaced by columns or pilasters framing the windows. The reduced wall space led to more ingenious facade designs that borrowed freely from the various ethnic traditions. Brightly-coloured ceramic tiles and plaster bouquets, festoons, plaques and other elaborate ornamentation are evidence of the builder's artistry.

