

45 SULTAN GATE



Location map



Site area: 312.8 sq m
GFA: 318.6 sq m
Tenure: 3+3+3 years

Restoration by SLA

Before



After



Background

The Kampong Glam Historic District, bounded by Beach Road, Jalan Sultan, Victoria Street, and Ophir Road, comprises more than 600 two to three-storey conserved shophouses and a handful of prominent landmarks of historical and architectural significance such as Sultan Mosque and Malay Heritage Centre (former Istana Kampong Glam). The area was designated a conservation area on 7 July 1989.

Kampong Glam has its roots as the seat of Malay royalty, and this is symbolised by the stately looking Istana Kampong Glam. Surrounded by open grounds, and sited at the heart of the district, the Istana used to face the sea before land was reclaimed off Beach Road. Sultan Gate historically linked the former Istana to the original coastline, and continues to provide the key vista to the Istana today.

Kampong Glam has traditionally been an area for residential use and commercial and cultural activities. In the past, there were highly specialised trades such as textile shops and metal craftwork. Cultural performances such as Wayang Kulit and Wayang Bangsawan formed the entertainment for the immigrants. Over the years, new retail shops, cafes and art uses have sprung up in the area. Coupled with the weekend road closures and regular programming by stakeholders, new life and vibrancy has been injected into the precinct. Today, it is a unique destination offering a mix of traditional and new trades, anchored by key institutions such as Sultan Mosque, Alsagoff Arab School and Aliwal Arts Centre.

The open grounds around Sultan Gate include two other State-owned buildings (71 and 73 Sultan Gate). 71 Sultan Gate is currently used as an artist village and exhibition centre while 73 Sultan Gate is a restaurant. The green open space (Sultan Gate Park) between the site and 73 Sultan Gate has been enhanced with benches and swings for the community as an informal gathering space. There is also active interest from various stakeholders to use it as a key event space and community node of Kampong Glam.