LITTLE INDIA ARCADE



Client:

Little India Arcade Pte Ltd

Architect:

Architects Action International Incorporated

Engineer:

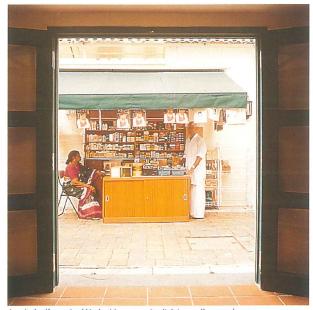
Uni-Associated Consultants

Contractor:

Hexacon Construction Pte Ltd

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Ocated in the
Historic District of
Little India, these 26 two-storey
pre-war shophouses have been
a focal point for the Indian
community since the 19th
century, catering to basic needs
for textiles, groceries, food and



A typical self-contained kiosk with power point, lighting, wall mounted oscillating fans and awning

religious paraphernalia.

Originally segregated into 3 separate blocks, these Art

Deco shophouses were built with backlanes for service

purposes. After restoration, the backlanes were transformed

into open air passageways linking retail shops on the first

storey, thus retaining the bazaar atmosphere prevalent in the old days.

The original structures were in a state of disrepair and needed extensive strengthening to withstand the anticipated loading for future use. The existing profile of the roof was left intact. All

existing architectural features were carefully restored and missing elements reproduced and fixed in place.

The overall restoration works retain the spirit and character of the place whilst making it a commercially viable and efficient project.



Handsomely restored Art Deco shophouses enhance the streetscape



Entrance gateway facing Hastings Road leading to internal passageways lined with kiosks



Bazaar shops selling handicrafts, sweetmeats, etc at the main entrance from Serangoon Road





Modern intervention - elevator to serve the upper storey



Staircase with balustrade of traditional details, connecting the food court to the shops above



Shophouses bringing back the assemblage of colours, aromas and ambience that are distinctly Little India



Internal passageway linking retail shops and exuding the bazaar atmosphere reminiscent of the old days



