

1F CLUNY ROAD

Class Of Its Own



Owner:
National University of Singapore Society

Architect:
RichardHO Architects

Engineer:
JS Tan & Associates

Contractor:
U.SAGE Contracts Pte Ltd

Built in the late 1920s, this two-storey Art Deco bungalow, once used to house the teaching staff of the former Raffles College, has been meticulously cajoled back to life and transformed into a classy sanctuary, the Bukit Timah Guild House, that cultivates camaraderie.

Firm Foundations

One of the four identical bungalows in the area, this bungalow had aged gracefully. Except for strengthening works on the upper storey timber floor slab, it was structurally sound, giving the project team a good foundation to perform a marvellous revival of tropically-inspired architectural and design concepts.

Crowning Glory

The original clay-tile roof was duly repaired. A false ceiling that had been previously added was removed to uncover the original timber ceiling joists, a smart move that recovered much of the original charm and character of the house. To rid the old house of its water seepage problems, a secondary roof was discretely incorporated right under the main roof without affecting its original character.



Art Deco bungalow restored as an Alumni clubhouse

A Nostalgic Air

The team did an outstanding job in reviving the tropical appeal of the house, bringing back the natural ventilation that once flowed through the very same doors. Open verandahs with exposed roof eave rafters and timber doors lining the outer corridors at the rear of the house were carefully recovered and reinstated. The door leaves were painstakingly

recreated to fine detail in the pattern of the original leaves based on remnants uncovered. All of the original timber staircase and balustrades were also retained and lovingly restored.

The new alfresco terrace added atop the original flat-top portico further enhanced the charm of the house. It gives the bungalow a new niche that takes full advantage of its tropical setting, reinventing its appeal for modern guests who love a little tête-à-tête under the stars.

Overall, the team has successfully brought to light the old house's many rare and inherent features, and ensuring the new elements added suit its present day purpose as an elegant and exclusive alumni clubhouse.



Original timber staircase and balustrades



Entrance lobby with recovered columns



Open verandah



Bar lounge at second storey



Rear garden terrace