

# 143 – 163 LAVENDER STREET



*Yoong Say  
Restaurant at 163  
Lavender Street,  
1990s*

This development comprises 11 pre-war shophouses and a modern extension at the rear. The shophouses were owned by prominent businessman and philanthropist Lee Kong Chian, who was a strong supporter of Sun Yet Sen's Nationalist cause. This could have been the reason for the depiction of soldiers carrying the Chinese Nationalist flag on the pediment of 163 Lavender Street.

Part of the restoration works to the shophouses involved the fabrication of new majolica wall tiles similar to the original Belgium-made ones to replace the missing pieces. Overall, the project demonstrates a sensitive approach to preserving the architectural heritage of the shophouses.



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