

# CONSERVATION WITH A *Difference* AT TORIEVIEW MANSION

Drive through the new apartment block at Torieview Mansion, and you will be pleasantly surprised to see a pair of delicately conserved Art Deco bungalows.

A winner of the 1996 Architectural Heritage Award, this unique conservation project has succeeded in combining the utility of modern-day apartments with the charm of old bungalows.

When the owner first bought the bungalows, located within the Geylang Secondary Settlement, they wanted to demolish the buildings and build a residential block. But as the bungalows were gazetted for conservation, they came up with a creative solution instead.

A new 8-storey apartment block was built in front of the bungalows to the allowed height and plot ratio. An opening through the block helped to create a new imaginative facade and focus on the bungalows behind. The apartment block was further integrated with the bungalows, by applying the same groove-line treatment, colour scheme and motifs of the bungalows to its first three storeys. The restored bungalows were converted into maisonettes. The original second storey linkage between the bungalows was also retained, and cleverly redesigned to house the master bedrooms by the addition of new casement windows.

Through clever designing, careful conservation and innovative construction, an old building has not only been conserved, but is proving to be commercially viable.

**Owner:** Torie Holdings Pte Ltd; **Architect:** 3P Architects;  
**Engineer:** East West Engineering Consultants; **Contractor:** Torie Construction Pte Ltd