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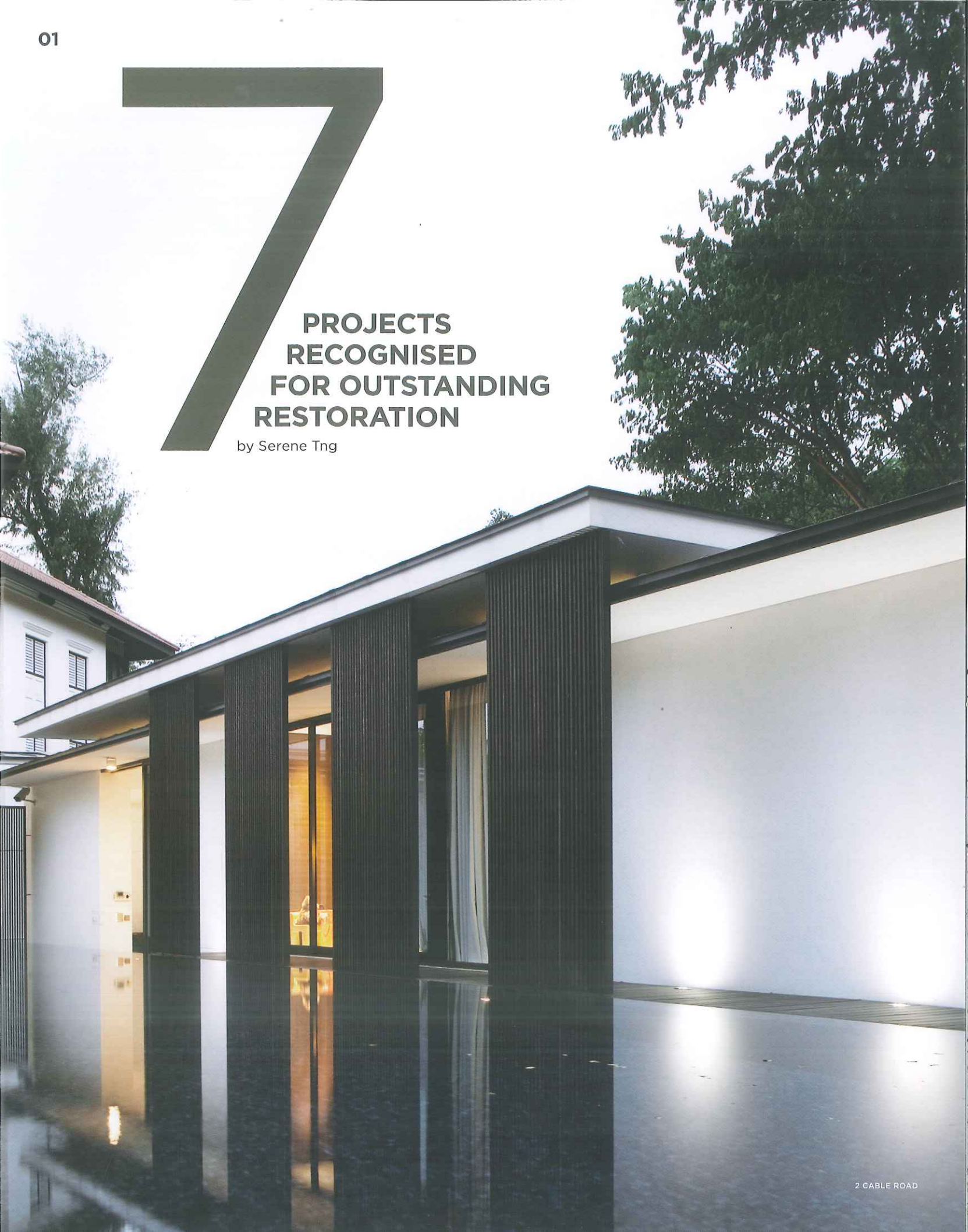
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PROJECTS RECOGNISED FOR OUTSTANDING RESTORATION

by Serene Tng





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From offices with roof gardens, a zany hotel in Little India, government offices, to army barracks, a stately Black and White bungalow, welcoming homes and a former pier, URA's annual Architectural Heritage Awards continue to recognise owners and professionals for their outstanding restoration work of conserved buildings.

Introduced in 1995, the URA Architectural Heritage Awards are given out yearly to promote quality restoration of monuments and buildings with preservation and conservation status in Singapore. The awards recognise owners, professionals and contractors who have gone the extra mile to lovingly restore their heritage buildings to their former glory for today's use. With this year's seven winners, the total number of projects that have received the award has risen to 107.

Presenting the awards to the recipients on 3 October 2011, Minister of State for National Development, Mr Lee Yi Shyan said: "The seven winners have proven themselves deserving of the awards through their admirable efforts in sensitively restoring and retaining the unique and interesting qualities of these buildings...let us keep in mind that every stakeholder, every view and every contribution in this conservation journey deepens our appreciation of the important and meaningful mission of retaining our precious shared memories."

There are two categories of winners for the Architectural Heritage Awards. Category A is awarded to National



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Monuments and fully conserved buildings in the Historic Districts and Good Class Bungalow Areas. Buildings fully conserved according to the restoration principles in other areas can also be considered under this category. They are assessed based on how far they adhere to quality restoration principles of maximum retention, sensitive restoration and careful repair. The winners under this category are six units of two-storey transitional-style shophouses in Chinatown and the Wanderlust Hotel in Little India.

Category B is awarded to integrated old and new conservation buildings in the Residential Historic Districts and Secondary Settlement areas. They are assessed based on the quality restoration of the old elements, as well as how new elements were innovatively integrated with the old by drawing inspiration from the original architectural design. The winners under this category are the Fullerton Heritage (Clifford Pier building and Customs House), Hotel Fort Canning, a Black and White bungalow at Cable Road, a two-storey pre-war transitional terrace house at Cairnhill Road and a two-storey Late Style shophouse in Geylang.



2 CABLE ROAD

Built in 1913 by a former government architect, David McLeod Craik for the Municipal Commissioner, Mohamed Namazie, this two-storey grand old Black-and-White bungalow has been faithfully restored and given a new pair of wings. The placement of the symmetrical new extensions and a linear lap pool at its front demonstrates a novel approach to integrating the "old and new".

128G CAIRNHILL ROAD

This charming two-storey pre-war transitional terrace house with a discordant layout has been eloquently revived. Today, it is a spacious and stylish family home that embraces the heart of contemporary living without losing its vintage soul.

2 DICKSON ROAD (WANDERLUST HOTEL)

This four-storey 1920s Art Deco style building in Little India was once the Hong Wen School. Today, it has been repurposed as the hip and playful Wanderlust Hotel. Its resurrection effort is a good illustration of creativity and adaptive reuse of a rare beauty.

FULLERTON HERITAGE (CLIFFORD PIER BUILDING AND CUSTOMS HOUSE)

Built in 1933 and the late 1960s respectively, the Clifford Pier building and the Customs House once facilitated the arrival of leisure seekers and traders to and from Singapore. Today, these two historical buildings have been expertly refurbished with stylish dining establishments and a bayfront luxury hotel.



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HOTEL)

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CUSTOMS HOUSE)

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11 CANNING WALK
(HOTEL FORT
CANNING)

02
19 LORONG
24A GEYLANG

03
9, 11, 13, 15, 17
AND 19 KRETA
AYER ROAD

04
FORMER CHONG
CHENG SCHOOL



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11 CANNING WALK (HOTEL FORT CANNING)

Through a massive yet respectful restoration effort, this former military command centre has been resurrected for its venerable new role as a heritage hotel within an existing recreational club atop the historic Fort Canning Hill.

19 LORONG 24A GEYLANG

This early 1900s two-storey shophouse of the Late Style, characterised by an extensively ornamented façade, has been sensitively restored. Its revitalised interior with a new two-storey rear extension exudes the aura of a modern gallery-style home with vintage pedigree.

9, 11, 13, 15, 17 AND 19 KRETA AYER ROAD

Constructed between 1840 and 1900, these six units of narrow two-storey transitional style shophouses in Bukit Pasoh, Chinatown, have been converted into one modern, open-plan corporate office space brimming with yesteryear charm. ●



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THREE FORMER SCHOOLS CONSERVED

Three former schools have been given conservation status, as announced at the 2011 URA Architectural Heritage Awards ceremony. They are the former Chong Cheng School at Aliwal Street, the former Anglo-Chinese School at Cairnhill Road and the modern block of the former St Anthony's Convent at Middle Road. Although the schools have since moved to other locations, the buildings continue to be familiar and memorable landmarks. These three schools add to the over 7,000 buildings that have been conserved across Singapore.