

The Next Chapter

Modern yet nostalgia-rich, Singapore's Ann Siang House carries on the illustrious legacy of its storied architecture.

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If there is one fair example of a living space that seamlessly expresses cultural symbiosis, it would be the Ann Siang House. With its classic whitewashed interior that harks back to age-old British colonial architecture, and Peranakan components such as its traditional wood-panelled windows with mullion and lattice, and framed artworks throughout the building, the integrated accommodation concept balances the two elements with gusto.

What was once a heritage shophouse—which dates back all the way to the 1920s—and The Club Hotel has now been resurrected by Flo Sander of iThink and turned into one of the most visually arresting edifices in the Chinatown enclave. While keeping the old-world charm of this establishment intact, the interior designer has injected a contemporary spin into the in-room amenities, common areas and furniture.

For all guestroom categories: deluxe, executive and suite, Ann Siang House provides guests with the ultimate creature comforts. Made-to-order handmade fixtures, opulent Hypnos mattresses, and expansive bathrooms with rain showers complemented by Bamford London essentials are only the starters. Several rooms even come with fully equipped kitchenettes and private balconies overlooking the scenic city.

Just like all the best hotels, Ann Siang House is not without equally outstanding dining outlets. The two eateries, while offering dissimilar carte du jour, are distinctly Italian. Perbacco restaurant offers an authentic Italian dining experience that translates into signature dishes that pay tribute to wholesome northern specialities, whereas Blue Label Pizza & Wine prides itself on serving shareable snacks, stone-fired pizzas and the most eclectic wine list on the island.

Here, the party doesn't stop after dessert. A record store by day and an uber-cool watering hole by night, White Label is a spot where guests are able to let their hair down and bask in good music—courtesy of an extensive collection of records as well as DJs and live acts—and invigorating drinks. The White Label Iced Tea, a tea-based Long Island, and Chrysanthemum vodka martini are wildly popular among the locals.

But if one ever feels the need to escape the thumping beats for some peace and quiet, The Other Roof is only few steps away. Perched on top of the hotel, its unique bar concept is possibly one of the best spots to see Singapore's impressive landscape. From there, in a moment of fantasy, guests should then trek down Club Street and Ann Siang Road all the way to the Central Business District and beyond to marinate in the night breeze under the stars while savouring the precious moment with a favourite cocktail in one's hand.

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