



TEMASEK SHOPHOUSE

Annex B: Impact storytelling and experiences for the public at Temasek Shophouse

Immersive experiences at Temasek Shophouse

**Images will be uploaded in the [media kit](#)*

<p>The corridor links all four shophouses, providing visitors with a clear pathway to navigate the blocks. Along the way, they will also find key amenities such as accessible toilets, family toilets, and nursing rooms open to the public.</p> <p>To learn more about the transformative history of the site and its shophouses, visitors can explore the linkway designed to be experienced from multiple directions.</p>	
<p>Video Installation by AI artist Lip Chiong <i>Block D, Archival Nook</i></p>	<p>Through an immersive video installation by AI artist Lip Chiong, visitors can discover a digital visualisation of how Dhoby Ghaut and the shophouses in this area have transformed from the 1900s till today. This was done through animating historical photographs through AI.</p> <p><u>About Lip Chiong</u> A Singaporean architect-turned-artist, Lip worked in London and Shanghai before becoming a full-time artist in Singapore in 2020. His practice explores the relationships between the organic and the artificial, human and machine, and shifting perceptions of the world shaped by technology – themes he has also presented internationally, including at the Singapore Pavilion of the 2023 Venice Biennale.</p>
<p>Garden <i>Block B, Level 1</i></p>	<p>The garden features a pollinator planting palette that attracts or hosts insects like bees and butterflies. Here and in the upcoming Stamford Canal rejuvenated area, we have plant species that are native to Singapore and Southeast Asia, as well as fruiting species such as the Jambu and Chiku tree, which have been growing with us since Temasek Shophouse first began in 2019.</p> <p>Recycling the steel structure from construction materials,, structural frames were created to provide habitats and shelter for wildlife like birds, bees and butterflies.</p> <p><i>A separate media tour will be conducted in January 2026 once the entire garden is completed.</i></p>



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Shophouse BAR <i>Block A, end of Spine Gallery</i>	<p>Shophouse B.A.R. (Books, Artefacts, Reflections) is a reimagined space by Temasek Shophouse and digital publisher Our Grandfather Story that stocks stories and pays tribute to the humble provision shop, a nostalgic place that is part of every Singaporean's shared memory.</p> <p>Inspired by the Orchard Restaurant & Bar, which once occupied this very space at 38 Orchard Road, it now serves up memories, voices, and dreams that reflect what it means to live and belong in Singapore.</p> <p>Visitors will be able to experience the following four experience zones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our Library: A curated collection of books, short films, and documentaries that trace the threads of Singapore's identity• Voicemail to Singapore: Visitors can step into a booth and record a message for the nation — a thank you, a wish, a question, or simply a hello.• Our Aspirations: Discover a reimagined Singapore built not by blueprints, but by values by checking out each biscuit tin – each housing a miniature world• Our Daily Essentials: Relive old and cherished memories with rows of familiar daily essentials — from biscuit tins to medicated oils. <p><u>About Our Grandfather Story</u></p> <p>Our Grandfather Story (OGS) is a digital publisher dedicated to uncovering timeless and overlooked stories across Southeast Asia, OGS has, since 2017, shared authentic perspectives on society, culture, and the human condition – from light-hearted encounters to unflinching conversations on disability and identity – creating spaces, both physical and digital, that connect and inspire.</p>
Intro of Temasek Shophouse wall <i>Block C, Level 1</i>	<p>8EyedSpud created the "Intro of Temasek Shophouse" Wall, a visual storytelling piece that captures the journey of the expanded Temasek Shophouse. Founded by illustrators Nat and Jackie, the studio brings over 12 years of combined experience in crafting playful, impactful visuals that transform complex ideas into accessible, engaging stories.</p>



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Mid-Film Distribution Double-sided Sticker Feature <i>Block C, Level 1</i>	As part of Temasek Shophouse's layered history, the building preserves the history of Mid-Film Distribution and features its story with a double-sided sticker feature – one side in colour, the other in black and white. The feature tells the story of the heritage makers, providing visitors with a tangible connection to the site's cinematic and commercial legacy.
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F&B and retail partners at Temasek Shophouse

Martket by ABRY <i>Block C, Level 1</i>	<p>Martket by ABRY is a new retail concept by homegrown fashion and lifestyle brand ABRY, a two-time Champions of Good awardee (2020, 2022) recognised for its work with overlooked communities. Staying true to its ethos, the store employs seniors, women from underserved groups, and persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Martket by ABRY is also launching a train-the-trainer mentorship programme with four to eight trainees, developed in partnership with organisations such as LifeCraft and Rise & Thrive. Over six months, participants will gain hands-on retail and production experience, with some employed by Martket, others supported as producers, and some guided in their entrepreneurship journey.</p> <p>The store also features an exclusive collaboration with deaf artist Canlaken, commissioned by Temasek Shophouse, whose merchandise draws inspiration from the building's flora-and-fauna motifs, bringing the Shophouse identity into everyday items.</p>
Bibik Violet <i>Block D, Level 1</i>	Led by the Violet Oon Group, Bibik Violet is a new Peranakan café and bakery that celebrates one of Singapore's most cherished cultural traditions. Designed as a warm, familiar space, the café blends rattan accents, vintage pieces, and heritage-inspired details with original Peranakan tiles salvaged from shophouses dating back to the early 1900s. These interiors deepen the connection between diners and Singapore's Peranakan heritage.



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	<p>A casual, approachable counterpart to the Violet Oon brand, Bibik Violet serves comforting Peranakan and local favourites such as nasi lemak, Nyonya laksa, prawn mee, kueh pie tee, and buah keluak pork ribs. Patrons can also enjoy nostalgic bakes like orange sugee cake and Nyonya kuehs, alongside kaya toast and kopi – a nod to Singapore’s kopi culture.</p>
<p>Foreword Coffee <i>Block B, Level 1</i></p>	<p>Foreword Coffee, a long-time collaborator of Temasek Shophouse, provides meaningful employment for persons with disabilities, including individuals with autism, hearing disabilities, and mental health conditions. The company first opened at Temasek Shophouse in 2019 as a young social enterprise, using the platform to showcase its inclusive employment model and grow its operations. Today, it has expanded to nine outlets across Singapore.</p> <p>In the revamped Temasek Shophouse, Foreword Coffee returns with an expanded café space, offering more seating to serve its growing community while continuing to champion inclusivity through meaningful work.</p>