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## STEPPING INTO THE GOOD LIFE AT DUO RESIDENCES

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## COVER STORY

# STEPPING INTO THE GOOD LIFE AT DUO RESIDENCES

Having obtained TOP, DUO Residences is ready to welcome residents when they move in with an exceptional lifestyle in the heart of the revitalised Ophir-Rochor area. The perks of life in this new beacon of luxury living are plenty, including, for starters, an exclusive set of Supermama brand ceramic plates given to every household as a special welcome gift.



Supermama ceramic plate set - an exclusive welcome gift

As they settle in, residents can look forward to enjoying all the privileges within and just beyond the comfort of their modern, elegant homes, from the beautiful assortment of living spaces, to the spectacular city, sea and Marina Bay views, and the array of thoughtful recreational facilities immersed within the tranquillity of gardens. The facilities include a gymnasium, 50-metre lap pool,

sky pool, children's pool, Jacuzzi, teppanyaki terraces and a function room, offering spaces for every enjoyment and occasion, whether for quiet indulgence, wellness, bonding with family, or hosting a private party.

When in the mood for some retail therapy or a delicious bite to eat, all the retail and dining options located within DUO's integrated



The quintessence of elegant luxury living

development as well as along the bustling streets of Kampong Glam and Bugis are just a stroll away. And with direct connection to Bugis MRT station, travelling further afield is a breeze.

With everything you could want or need at your doorstep, it's time to embrace the good life, DUO Residences style!

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## ART SERIES

# ARTIST SUN YU-LI SCULPTS A SYMPHONY FOR DUO



'Petai Symphony' by Sun-Yu-Li

Walk past DUO at the junction of Rochor Road and North Bridge Road, and your eye will undoubtedly be drawn by the captivating sight of a gracefully curvaceous sculpture rising from the ground and piercing through the ceiling to the floor above.

"Petai Symphony" is one of the five commissioned art installations dotted around DUO's public spaces. Designed and created by renowned Singapore artist Sun Yu-Li, the 12-metre sculpture is hand-forged from a 3mm thick brass plate, and is

inspired by the sinuous form of the local petai plant, designed as an organic contrast to the more futuristic curved silhouette of DUO's architecture.

Striving to bring art to the people, Sun Yu-Li is one of Singapore's leading artists whose sculptures can be seen all over the island as well as overseas. The distinctive form and prominent location of his latest creation not only enlivens the space for those living, working or visiting DUO, but also serves as an iconic visual attraction in the Bugis-Rochor area.

# MASTERMINDING THE MARINA ONE DESIGN



View from within the Green Heart

Christoph Ingenhoven, founder of German-based Ingenhoven Architects, one of the world's leading architectural practices in sustainable design, is the mastermind behind Marina One's groundbreaking design. Here we share his insights into the design inspiration and the architectural impact of this award-winning integrated development.

## How does the Marina Bay locale play into the design?

I think there is one idea that connects all the developments around Marina Bay and the Marina One development, the idea that there should be a combination of gardens, city buildings and landscape.

## What is the design inspiration?

The design inspiration for Marina One is a heart, something that is the centre of the whole development

and the whole environment. In this case, it's a Green Heart. We studied the position of Marina One and found it would be in the very middle of the extended CBD. The Green Heart is in the middle of our Marina One project, and is in the crossing of two pedestrian walkways through the building. So the Green Heart really will be the potential heart and the middle of this new business district.

## What makes Marina One unique?

Marina One is a kind of role model for the globalised mega cities of Asia. It provides a vital mixture of uses, like residential, office, retail, shops, restaurants, amenities – everything that you really need. The mixture and the density that we are providing, and the human scale, make it a role model of progressiveness in the world of architecture today.

## MARINA ONE EAST OFFICE TOWER ATTAINS TOP

Marina One continues to make good progress towards its completion with the development's 30-storey East Office Tower recently obtaining TOP.

East Tower tenants are now in the process of fitting out their new office spaces in preparation for moving in. In July, Olam International Limited and Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ (BTMU) were the first to settle into Marina One's exceptional work environment that combines among the largest Grade A office floor plates in Singapore with state-of-the-art tenant amenities and panoramic city and sea views. Just another day in the office at Singapore's new premier business address.

Meanwhile, Marina One Residences is expected to complete in Q4 2017, when residents can begin enjoying luxury living in Marina Bay.



Marina One East Office Tower is now complete and open for business





## FEATURE

# THE EVOLUTION OF BUGIS STREET



Bugis/Kampung Glam area in the present day

Once home to a large winding canal, the area now called Bugis Street – named after the Bugis people from Indonesia who came here to trade with local merchants – has evolved in character by leaps and bounds, yet has always bustled with vibrancy and life.

After WWII, Bugis became a diverse social hub where food stalls, hawkers and Singapore's nightlife began to emerge. The buzzing bazaar atmosphere and nightly cabaret shows, set against the backdrop of the jazz music and disco craze, attracted both local and foreign visitors, particularly colonial soldiers, tourists

and sailors, and became known as “boogie street” for its party culture.

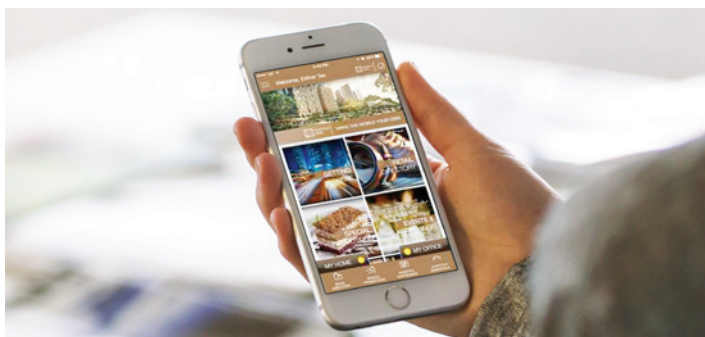
The mark of British rule was the complete renovation of the geography and the removal of the canal. The miniature Weimar Republic in the middle of Singapore lasted until the 1980s, when Bugis Street underwent major redevelopment. Old shops and the bazaars were razed, giving way to Bugis Junction shopping complex, an MRT station and new nightspots.

In more recent years, the Urban Redevelopment Authority's (URA) scheme to revitalise the area has given rise to a notable increase in new buildings in Bugis, the latest addition being DUO, whose skyscraping juxtaposition of old and new serves as the catalyst for reshaping the Ophir-Rochor district into a lively residential, business, retail, hotel and entertainment cluster.

However, that's not to say that the past has been lost for good. In the midst of inevitable progress, places such as the famous “Old Bugis Kway Chap” hawker and the “The Good Old Days” vintage fashion store, that ironically stands on New Bugis Street, remind us of the Bugis that once was.

## WHAT'S NEW

# DUO & MARINA ONE LIFESTYLE APP UNVEILED



Digital access to all the amenities of Marina One and Duo

M+S recently announced the launch of MySphere, Singapore's first all-in-one lifestyle app designed to provide residents, office occupants and visitors with quick and easy access to all the live-work-

play offerings of both the DUO and Marina One developments, as well as exciting collaborations with leading service providers.

Users can connect to the developments' concierge services, enjoy exclusive promotions, make hotel, venue and restaurant bookings, or simply stay tuned to the latest events and lifestyle happenings. MySphere will also be the first app in Singapore to offer office workers mobile turnstile access and automated lift assignment at the Duo Tower office lobby – all with just a quick tap.

[MySphere will be available for download on Apple App Store and Google Play Store in 4Q2017.](#)