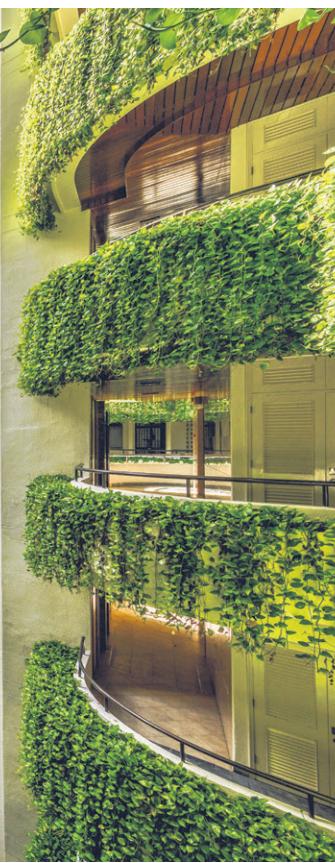


# Modernist Singapore

Mostly built after Singapore gained independence in 1965, the country's modernist buildings are representative of its urban renewal process, with many designed by local architects. Here are some that new heritage non-profit Docomomo Singapore has identified as significant.



## THE ARCADIA

### 235 Arcadia Road

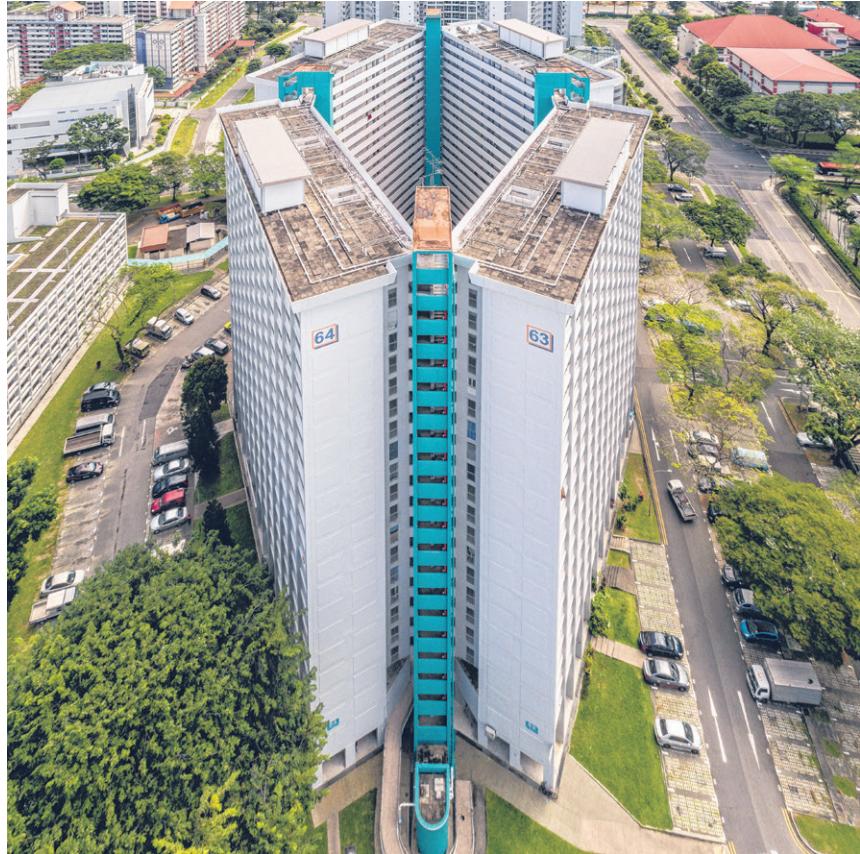
**Architects:**  
**Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo, with Chua Ka Seng**

- The condominium's design took inspiration from the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, with planter boxes that line the facade and atrium of each of the development's three blocks creating a "hanging gardens" effect.
- Each block has four wings attached in a cruciform pattern, creating natural ventilation that minimises the need for artificial cooling.

## BLOCKS 63 TO 66 YUNG KUANG ROAD

### 63 Yung Kuang Road

**Architect:** Jurong Town Corporation (renamed JTC Corporation in 2000)



## PEOPLE'S PARK COMPLEX

### 1 Park Road

**Architects:** Tay Kheng Soon, William S.W. Lim, Koh Seow Chuan from Design Partnership (renamed DP Architects in 1975)



- Its architects aimed to make room in the city for people, and achieved this by creating a new type of indoor public space in Singapore – the shopping mall atrium.
- The building is one of the most distinct examples of brutalist architecture here, with grooved construction joints and protruding lift and stair shafts.

## PARK ROAD DEVELOPMENT (PEOPLE'S PARK)

### 32 New Market Road

**Architects:** Tan Wee Lee, Peter B.K. Soo, Seet Chay Tuan of the Housing Board



- The development was built to house stallholders from a market that occupied the site where People's Park Complex stands today. The original market was destroyed in a 1966 fire.
- The development features a three-storey commercial podium that has a hawker centre and sundry shops. It is topped with a five-storey residential slab block.

## PANDAN VALLEY CONDOMINIUM

### 2 Pandan Valley

**Architect:** Tan Cheng Siong



- Built in the late 1970s, the development was among Singapore's first private condominiums, a new housing category that the Government introduced in 1972.
- The development consists of several building typologies, including slab blocks, tall point blocks, and low-rise blocks with a stepped profile that reflect the slopes of the hills on which they were built.