

Far East Plaza as Heritage? Conserving Singapore's Malls

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Far East Plaza and David Bowie in Gerry Troyna's Ricochet (1983) and Asian Film Archives State of the Motion Location Tours



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FAR EAST PLAZA
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Film Location: Ricochet (1983)
Artwork: Melankton Records (伊維谷) 10 by IJFKUJ

Music performance by THE OBSERVATORY
* Exclusively on the Night Tours U
(2018, 21 Jan 2019)



Far East Plaza in present day. Photo: Tom Ives-Ping

With the rapid urbanisation in the region, it seems almost inconceivable that Far East Plaza had once been the largest mall in Southeast Asia. Over the course of its history, Far East Plaza has been home to a wide array of occupants. What stands out though was its relationship with the underground youth culture and its past as a stomping ground for the local independent scene scene.

In a less culturally liberal period of Singapore's history, the "Far East Kid" moniker was coined to label any youth found spending their time at the mall. It was where they would parade and seek out one another's display of individuality. It was also popular

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Before ION Orchard, there was...

Stretching close to 2km, Orchard Road has more than 800,000 sq m of shopping and entertainment attractions. We look at how Singapore's main street has evolved.



Building housing Lido cinema closed in 1990 (now Shaw House)



Building housing CK Tang department store closed in 1982 (now Singapore Marriott)



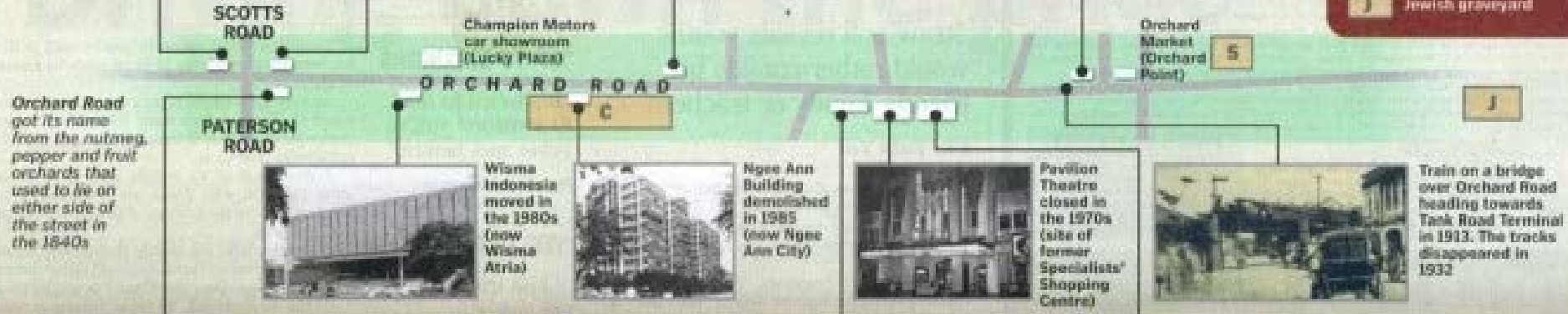
Fitzpatrick's Supermarket closed in the late 1980s (now Paragon)



Building housing Cold Storage closed in the 1980s (now Centrepoint)

DID YOU KNOW...
In the 1840s, there were graveyards along Orchard Road.

- C** Chinese graveyard
- S** Sumatran graveyard
- J** Jewish graveyard



Orchard Road got its name from the nutmeg, pepper and fruit orchards that used to lie on either side of the street in the 1840s



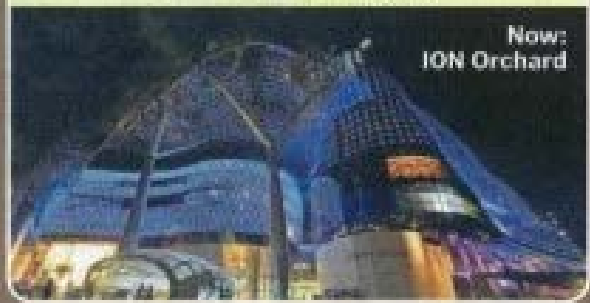
Then: The 60-year-old Orchard Road Police Station, fondly known as Orchard Police, also played the role of tourist inquiry bureau, with policemen directing visitors to government departments and shops in Orchard Road. It moved to Tanglin Police Station in 1980.



Then: A row of old pre-war shophouses. One shop sold Peranakan ware and jewellery.



Then: Orchard Road Car Park — popularly known as "Glutton's Square" — was one of the few open-air street dining areas in Orchard Road popular with both tourists and Singaporeans from 1966. It was shut down in 1973 when the hawkers were moved to food centres for better hygiene control.



Now: ION Orchard

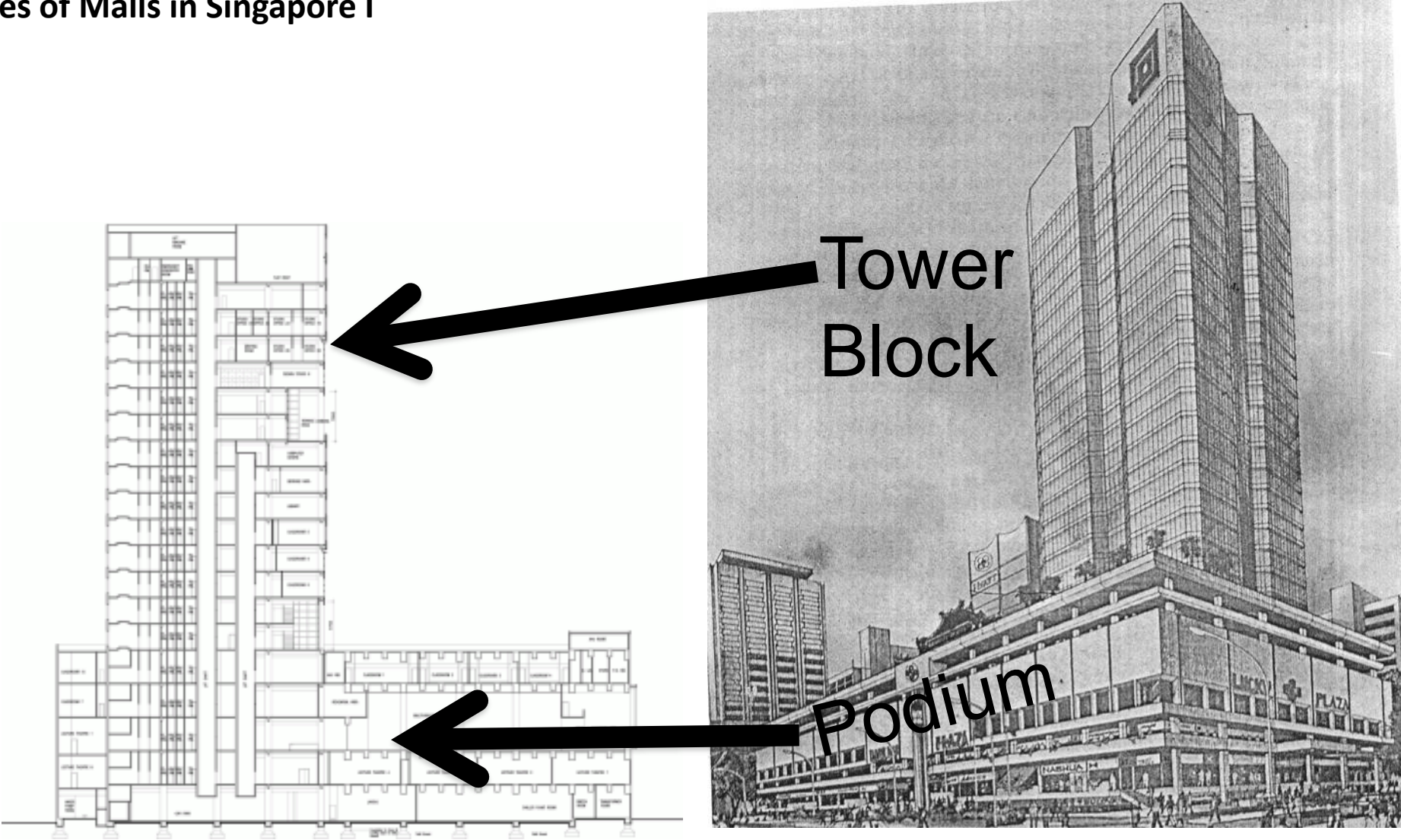


Now: 313@Somerset



Now: Orchard Central

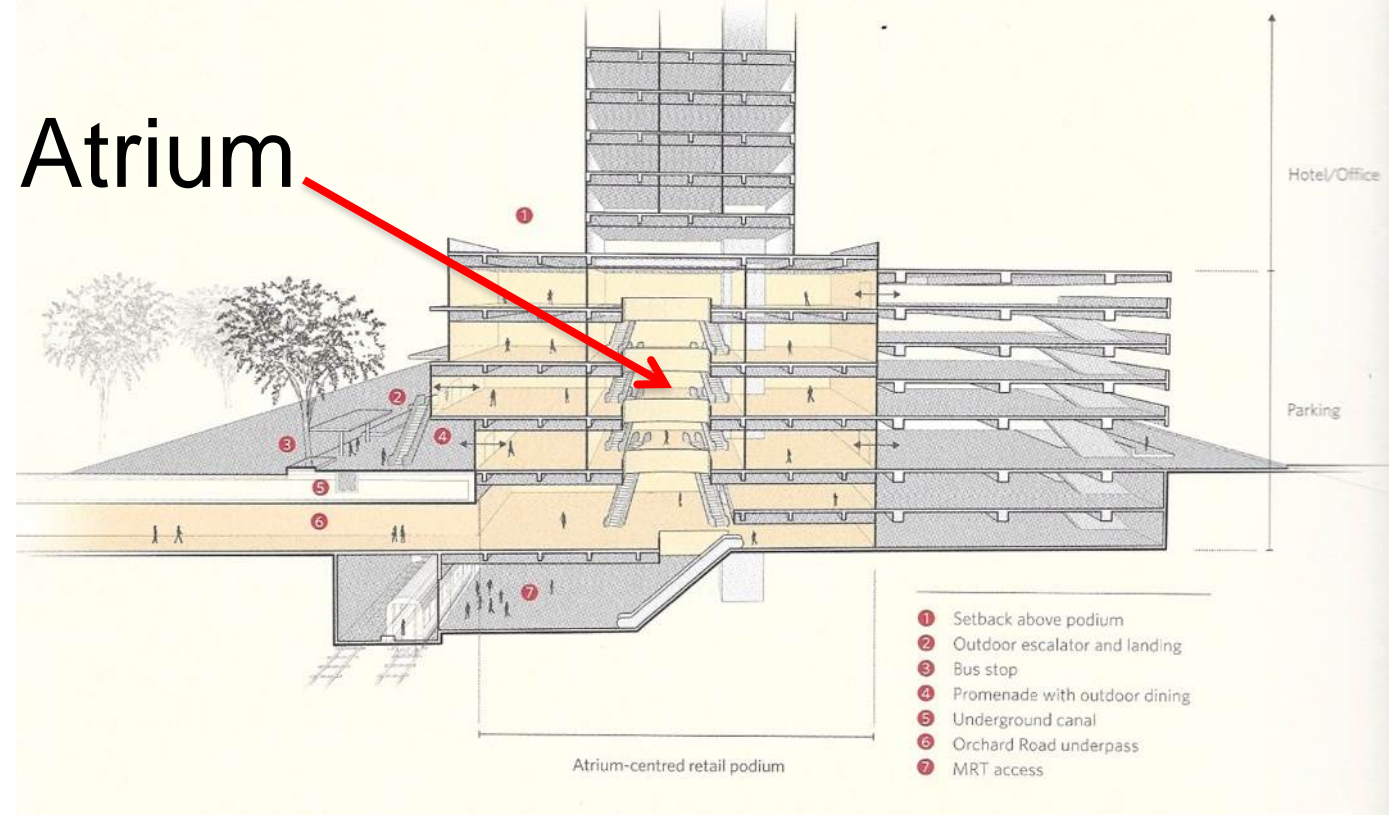
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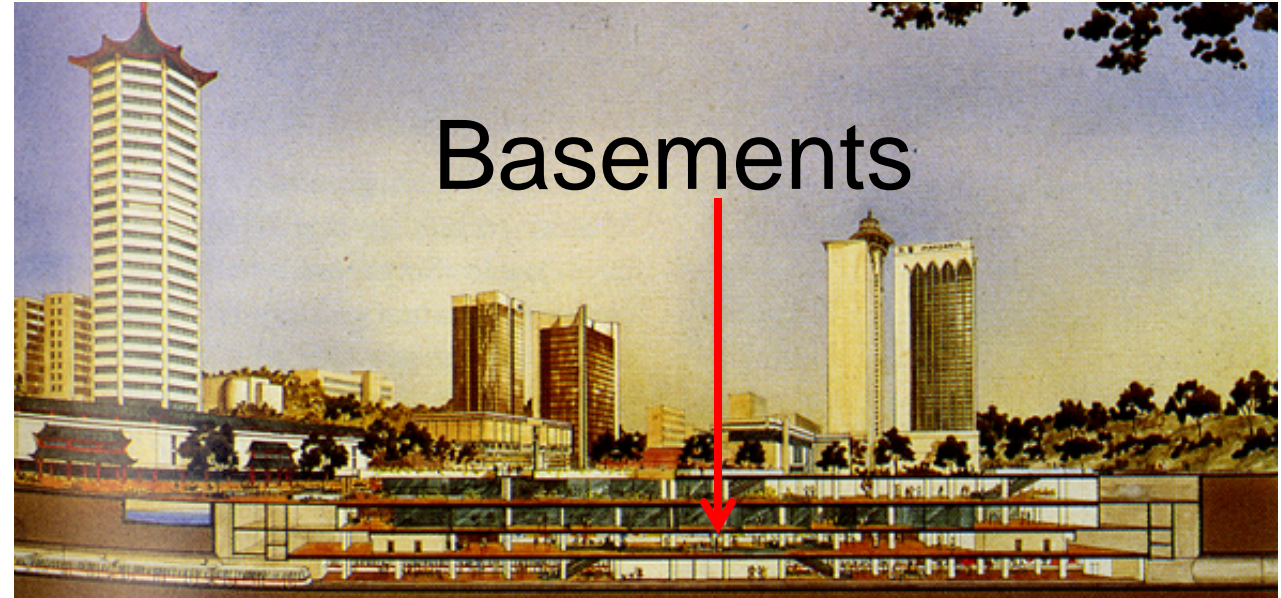
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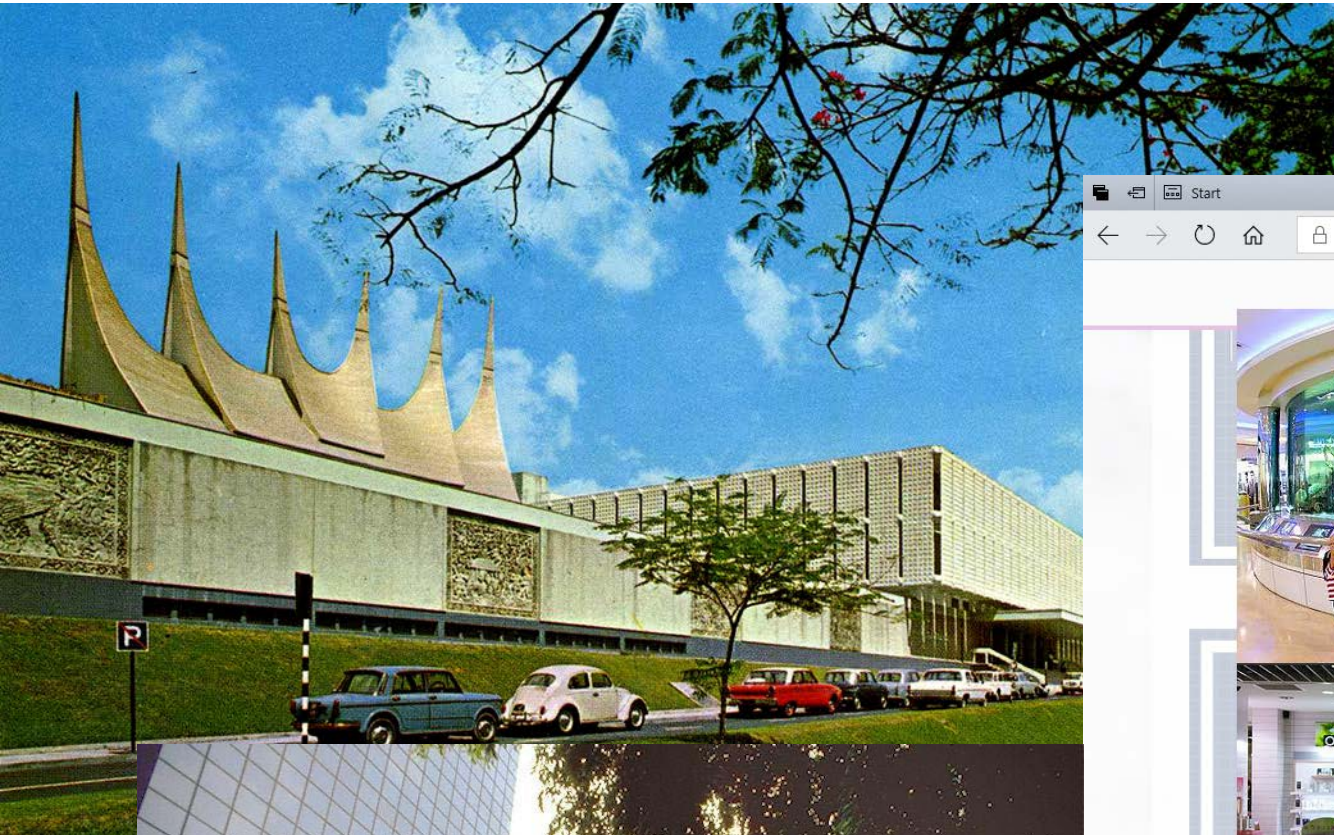
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Aquarium / The Face Shop

Where once stood Singapore's most iconic aquarium is now gone. It was removed in 2008 to allow marine life within to thrive in a more natural aquatic ecosystem. Currently the area is leased to The Face Shop, an organic skincare and make up shop originating from Korea.

Back in 1986 when Wisma Atria first opened, it launched the creation of Singapore's first in-mall marine aquarium. The 1.5-metre-tall, 20-cubic-metre tank housed over hundreds of fishes.

"The most interesting feature was how the tank surrounded the bubble lift at the basement level, granting you a view that was conventionally impossible within the confines of a mall." – article by asiaone (2016, Sep 21).

Despite its removal, its round architectural floor plan has been retained. This can be seen by the floor tiles of The Face Shop.

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<http://www.nas.gov.sg/archivesonline/photographs/record-details/611a89bf-1162-11e3-83d5-0050568939ad>

Should we and how do we conserve shopping centre buildings as heritage?

- Physical architecture
- Cultural Significance
- Social relevance

→ <https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/real-estate/too-ugly-to-save-singapore-weighs-fate-of-its-brutalist-buildings>

Too ugly to save? Singapore weighs fate of Brutalist buildings

Under Land Titles Act, all owners in such buildings must approve conservation plan, compared to more than 80% approval for en bloc sale if building is over 10 years old



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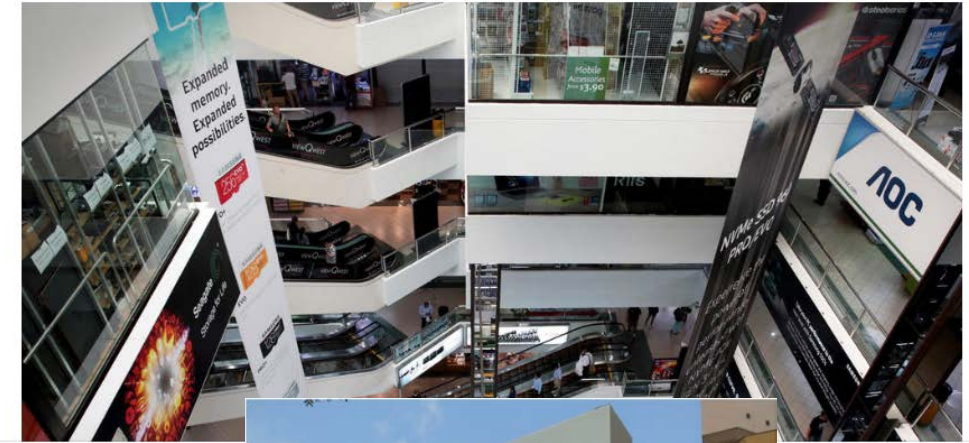
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- Datedness vs timelessness of shops
- Maximizing Gross Floor Areas
- Mall proliferation, REITs and E-commerce in Changing Retail Cultures
- Benchmarking mall history and documentation

Pioneering pet shops in Singapore from Thomson Plaza



<https://mothership.sg/2018/09/thomson-plaza-history-dbs/>