

Serie and Multiply Architects complete Oasis Terraces, a Neighbourhood Centre and Polyclinic in Punggol, Singapore

- The project, developed by Singapore's Housing & Development Board (HDB), with Ministry of Health (MOH) as the joint stake holder, will provide the main public amenities for HDB's residents in Punggol.
- The 27,000 sqm centre contains health, retail and communal amenities.
- An expansive sloping green space defines the scheme, allowing views, light and air to penetrate the building.
- On the water's edge is a four-storey tall column free space serving as an 800 sqm sheltered community plaza.
- The project was awarded the World Architecture Festival's Future Projects Award (Mixed-Use Category) in 2015

London, United Kingdom | January 8, 2018 – Serie Architects working in collaboration with Multiply Architects has completed Oasis Terraces, the new Punggol Neighbourhood Centre and Polyclinic in Singapore.

Oasis Terrace is a new generation of community centres developed by Singapore's Housing and Development Board to serve its public housing neighbourhoods. It comprises communal facilities, shopping, amenities and a government polyclinic.

Serie Architects' design utilises a series of lush garden terraces that slope towards the waterway as one of the key elements to generate communal activities. These lush gardens act as communal spaces, children's playgrounds and a natural amphitheatre.

The roof is also heavily landscaped and features planting beds for urban farming. The gardens play more than just an aesthetic role in the community; they are a collective horticultural project. By bringing residents together to plant, maintain and enjoy them, the gardens help nourish community bonds.

Overlooking the communal gardens on platforms are rooms and outdoor areas for communal dining, restaurants, education centres, and polyclinic services. These spaces are directly connected to the terraced garden, allowing dining activities to spill out into these areas. Likewise, the waiting areas of the polyclinic enjoy views of the garden terraces and waterways.

A large sheltered plaza fronting the waterways creates the vibrant heart for the community. This plaza will be used for a wide range of communal activities and events and sits at the crossing point of the east-west and north-south thoroughfares of the site. All circulation through the site and from the adjacent Oasis LRT station culminates at the plaza.

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Every visible elevation of the building is covered with lush plating. Together with the veranda spaces that wrap around the restaurants and polyclinic, the plants act as an environmental filter between the exterior and interior spaces. The architecture is also characterised by a sense of lightness and openness allowing daylight and breezes to permeate the building, promoting the use of natural ventilation.

Christopher Lee, Principal of Serie Architects: 'Our design is informed by the open frames commonly found in the facades and corridors of HDB's housing blocks of the 70s and 80s. We've transformed this precedent into a light and open frame that captures and accommodates diverse programmes for the community in a landscape setting — it is an architectural framework for communal life to unfold'.

Project Details

Location: Singapore

Year: Completed 2018

Use: Commercial/Medical

Area: 27,000 sqm

Client: Singapore Housing & Development Board

Design Architect: Serie Architects

Executive Architect: Multiply Architects LLP

Civil and Structural Engineering: KTP Consultants PTE Ltd.

Mechanical and Electrical Engineering: Bescon Consulting Engineers PTE

Quantity Surveying: Northcroft Lim Consultants PTE Ltd.

Fire Engineering: C2D Solutions PTE Ltd.

Façade: Aurecon Singapore PTE Ltd.

Landscape: WNE Integrated Design PTE Ltd.

ABC: Netatech PTE Ltd.

Greenmark: Afogreen Build PTE Ltd.

Acoustic and Audio Visual: Alpha Acoustics Engineering PTE Ltd.

Lighting: Light Cibles PTE Ltd.

Interior Design: Multiply Interiors PTE Ltd.

Medical Planning: DP Healthcare PTE Ltd.

Project Management: SIPM Consultants PTE Ltd.

Main Contractor: Rich Construction Company PTE Ltd.

Piling Contractor: Keat Seng Piling PTE Ltd.

Instrumentation Contractor: Geo Application Engineers

Photography: Hufton + Crow

Further details on **Punggol Neighbourhood and Polyclinic** can be found [here](#).

Further details on **Singapore's Housing and Development Board** can be found [here](#).

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About Singapore's Housing & Development Board

The Housing & Development Board (HDB) is Singapore's public housing authority. HDB plans and develops Singapore's housing estates; building homes and transforming towns to create a quality living environment for all. They provide various commercial, recreational, and social amenities for residents' convenience. For over 50 years, HDB has provided quality and affordable public housing for generations of Singaporeans.

For further information: <http://www.hdb.gov.sg/>

About Serie Architects

United Kingdom-based Serie Architects, led by Christopher Lee, is an international practice specialising in architecture, urban design and research, with a portfolio that includes projects in the UK, Singapore, India, China, and the Middle East. Serie has gained a reputation for designing distinctive buildings in the public realm, with a special focus on cultural, civic and educational building. Serie has won a number of high-profile design competitions, including the BMW London Olympic Pavilion, the Singapore State Courts Complex, and the National University of Singapore School of Design & Environment. The practice's first Middle East project, the Jameel Arts Centre in Dubai, was completed in 2018.

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About Multiply Architects

Multiply Architects LLP began its practice in 2007 and is led by its founding partner, Yap Mong Lin, and assisted by partner, Alvin Foo. Based in Singapore the firm has been responsible for several important local projects including a hotel extension in Sentosa, a 35-storey high-end residential development at Leonie Hill and the Mahabodhi Monastery at Bukit Timah (recognized as a finalist in the World Architecture Festival 2015). The office has also completed larger commercial projects such as the reconstruction of Chinatown Point Mall and the conservation development of CHIJMES in the heart of Singapore's Civic District. In 2013 Multiply Architects began to work in close collaboration with Serie Architects and together have been awarded several prestigious commissions, namely the new Singapore State Courts Complex, the School of Design and Environment in National University of Singapore

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extension and Oasis Terraces – HDB Punggol Neighbourhood Centre and Polyclinic (Winning Entry at World Architecture Festival 2015 – Future Project: Mixed Used Development and Housing Development Board Innovative Design Award 2015).

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