

In Singapore today, you will find both old and new buildings side by side. Old
shophouses in places like Kampong Glam are an ⁽¹⁶⁾ essential part of Singapore's past. Instead of
⁽¹⁷⁾ pulling them down, they have been restored and are now home to small shops, art galleries,
⁽¹⁸⁾ offices and restaurants. Traditional buildings are an obvious reflection of Singapore's
⁽¹⁹⁾ multi-cultural society. Building styles of Malay, Chinese, Indian, European and Arab have fused
⁽²⁰⁾ together to create a style that is uniquely Singaporean. The Urban Redevelopment Authority
(URA) preserves old buildings so that young Singaporeans have a link to the past.