

Built on green foundations

The new landmark of Beach Road, South Beach, boasts state-of-the-art environmental features. It recently received two Green Mark Platinum Awards from the Building and Construction Authority. The Straits Times Art Department tells you more.



Conservation of heritage buildings

The former Beach Road military camp began as the headquarters of the Singapore Volunteer Corps in the 1930s and later became the headquarters of the country's first military units in 1942. The complex, which was closed in 2000 and then gazetted for conservation on Oct 9, includes the Bull Hall, an adjacent building that was the former Non-Commissioned Officers' Club (NCO Club).

Block 1
This 11,000 sq m free-standing conservation block at the corner of Beach Road and Middle Road used to house ammunition.

New South Beach
The building contains facilities which include a cocktail lounge, a Korean-Mexican restaurant, a pool, a gymnasium and a private lounge.

Block 9
The Bull Hall in Beach Road was the headquarters of the Singapore Volunteer Corps. The complex was built in the 1930s and had been the headquarters of the Royal Flying Corps. This was also the birthplace of the Singapore Armed Forces.

New Grand Ballroom
A venue for high-profile events.



Block 14
The Bull Creek Martial Centre was set up here in 1947.

New Assembly
The block, which has meeting rooms, also has a bar called Court Martia Bar.



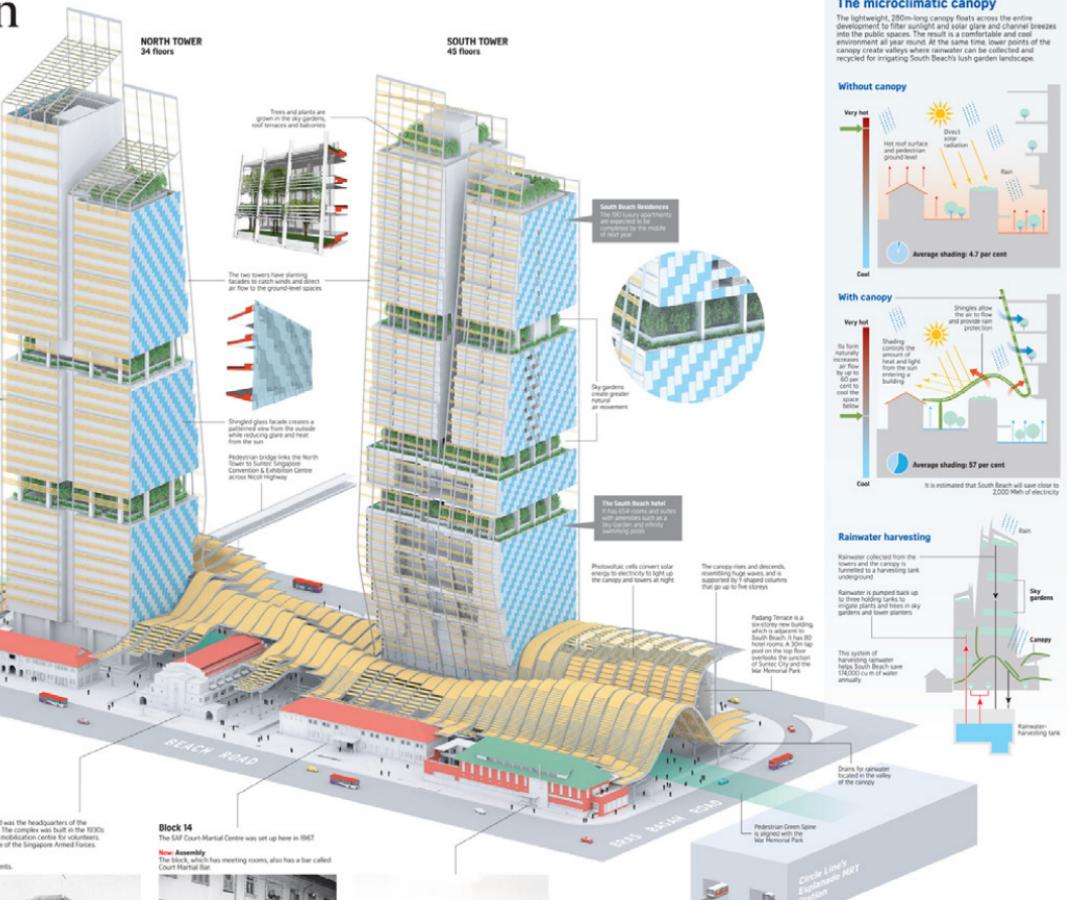
Former NCO Club

The former Non-Commissioned Officers' Club was originally designed as the headquarters of the Royal Flying Corps and Air Force Institutes in Singapore and had a training point next to the building.

South Beach Club

It has restaurants, a cigar bar and a dining room.

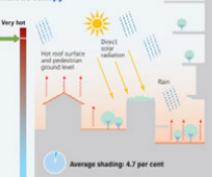
The Beach Road camp sits on reclaimed land and is the first building in Singapore to have been converted to part of a grand masterplan. It is the first step in preserving the project's historical past, over 100 years of defence history and the future of the Singapore Armed Forces, which will also maintain the site as a national monument.



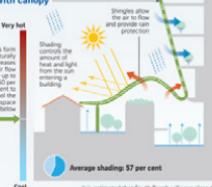
The microclimatic canopy

The lightweight, 280m-long canopy floats across the entire development to filter sunlight and solar glare and channel breezes into the building. It creates a cool microclimate in the environment all year round. At the same time, lower parts of the canopy create shade where water can be collected and recycled for irrigating South Beach's lush garden landscape.

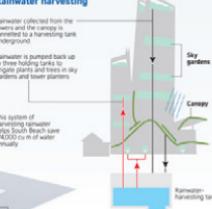
Without canopy



With canopy



Rainwater harvesting



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