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The Warehouse Hotel, Singapore: A Modern Stay with a Story

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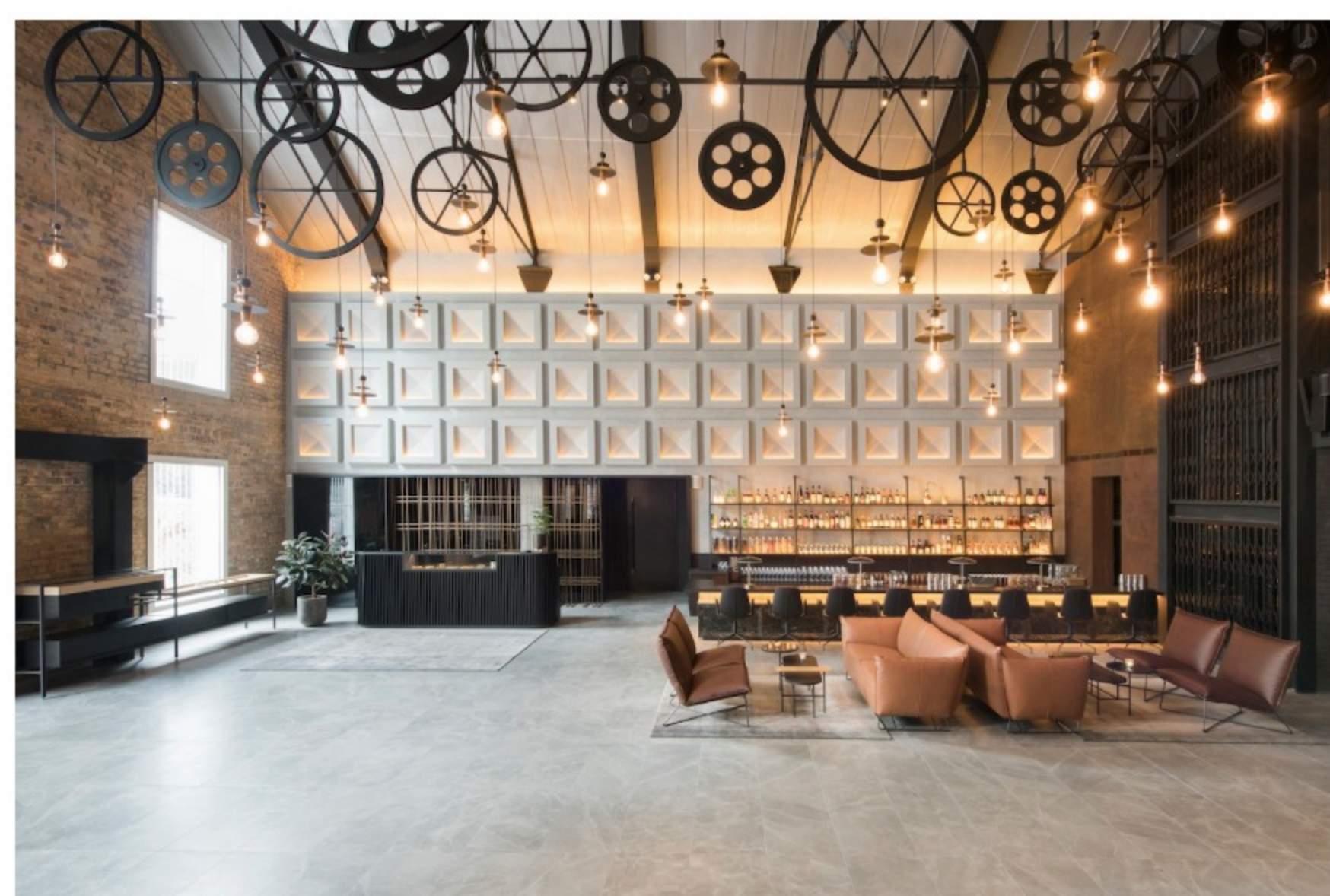
Singapore, the city just marked 50 years since it became an independent state, rich in heritage and packed with stories. Though the trend around the globe is to preserve historic buildings while gentrifying them, giving them a new and modern purpose, this strategy can be a hit and miss with locals.

The Warehouse Hotel is perhaps an exception. What used to be a local warehouse located in the once upon a time crime-ridden Havelock Road has now been restored to a modern, photogenic and thoughtful boutique hotel. Here are three reasons why we think you'll love it too...

City: Singapore

Where: 320 Havelock Road / 65

Type: Stay



A local history

Located on Roberson Quay, the hotel used to be a 19th-century warehouse plopped among secret societies in the red light district of the time. The river in front served as a passageway to countless wooden boats, and liquor distilleries dotted on street corners and inside alleyways.

Times have changed though as Roberson Quay is now in the heart of the Central Business District, just steps away from nightlife destinations Boat Quay and Clark Quay, and the hotel reflects the old meeting the new, with a modern and oh-so-instagrammable aesthetics.

A local taste

Apart from keeping the original roofs and bricks, The Warehouse Hotel goes above and beyond to feature local talents. The restoration and interior design were done by local agency Asylum, and every other detail is customized too: from ceramics and fabrics, to toiletries and teas, as well as woodwork and art installations – each to feature Singaporean creators and artists. Of course, at the reception, there are a couple of shoppable items you can bring home to keep.

Breakfast wise, apart from the usual continental offerings, you can also choose to enjoy a bowl of Bak Ku Teh or Kaya toast to kick start your day the local way.



Location, location, location

Though not located directly across from any train stations, it is walking distance to the buzzing China Town area and its train station (where you can pick up famed beef jerky, try out authentic Chinese snacks and go souvenir shopping). The hotel also has a bus stop right outside and hailing a taxi is always an easy option.

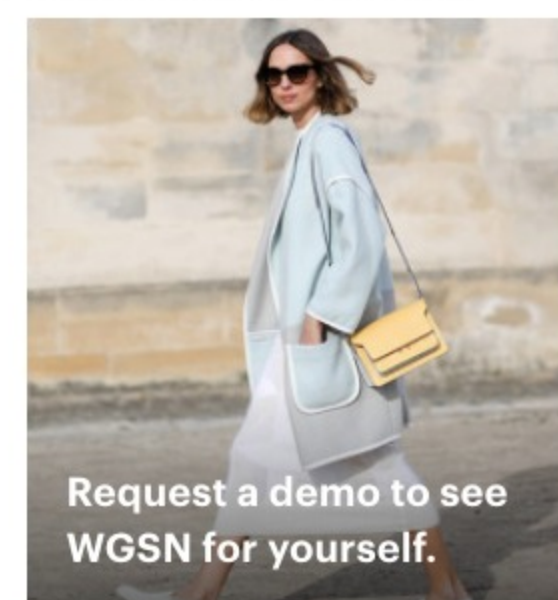


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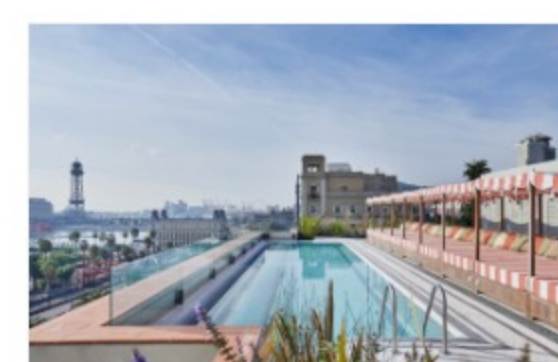
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