

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



- Two minutes' walk from Esplanade MRT station
- Five minutes' walk from City Hall MRT interchange
- 10 minutes' away from Orchard Road
- 15 minutes' drive from Changi Airport

Conservation of heritage buildings

The former Beach Road military camp began as the headquarters of the Singapore Volunteer Corps in the 1930s and later doubled as the headquarters of the Singapore Military Forces, which was set up in 1954. After Singapore gained independence, some of the country's first military units were based here. The camp was closed in 2000 and its three buildings (blocks 1, 9 and 14) were gazetted for conservation on Oct 9, 2002, along with an adjacent building that was previously the SAF Non-Commissioned Officers' (NCO) Club.

Block 1

This 13,000 sq ft two-storey conservation block located at the corner of Beach Road and Middle Road used to house ammunition.

Now: South Beach Quarter

New-to-market F&B concepts which include a cocktail lounge, a Korean-Mexican restaurant, a pub, a gastrobar and a private lounge.

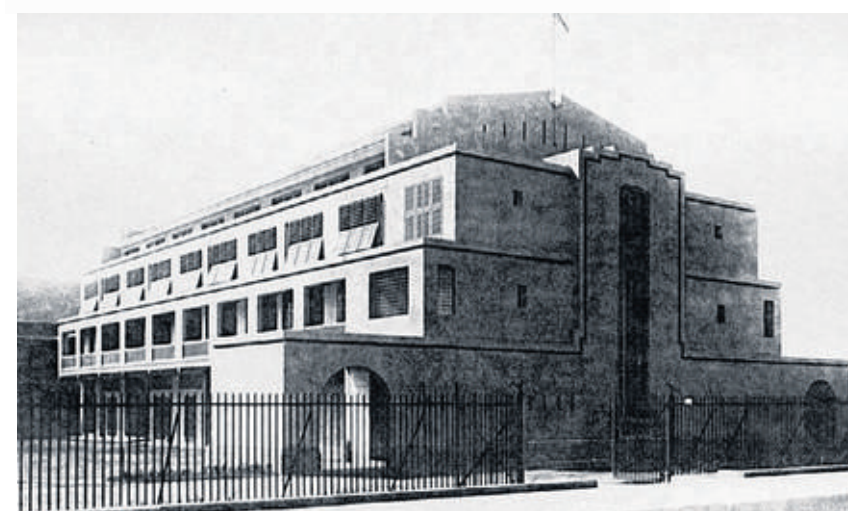


Block 9

The Drill Hall in Beach Road was the headquarters of the Singapore Volunteer Corps. The complex was built in the 1930s and was often used as the mobilisation centre for volunteers. This was also the birthplace of the Singapore Armed Forces.

Now: The Grand Ballroom

A venue for high-profile events.



Block 14

The SAF Court-Martial Centre was set up here in 1967.

Now: Assembly

The block, which has meeting rooms, also has a bar called Court Martial Bar.

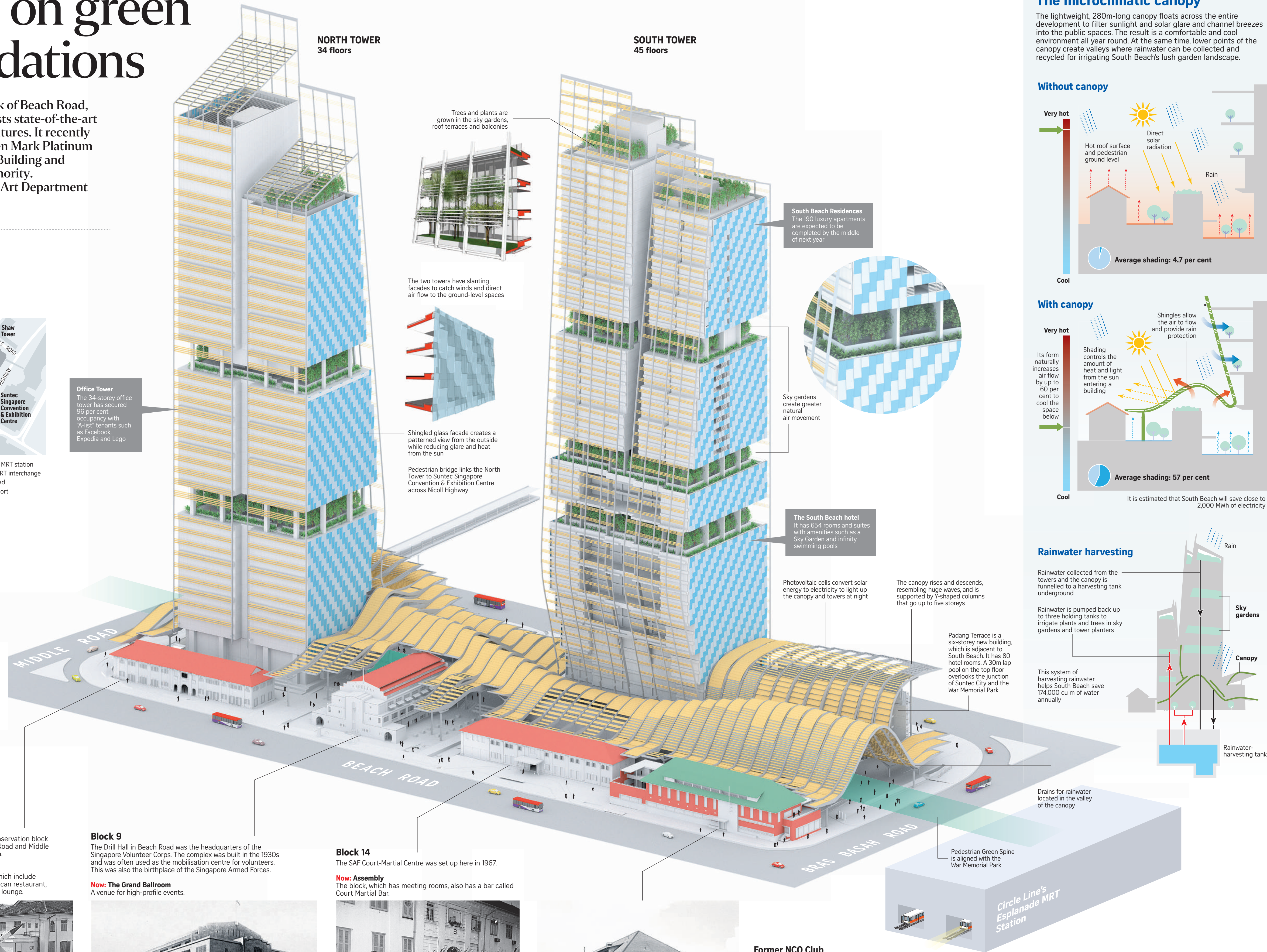


Former NCO Club

The former Non-Commissioned Officers' Club was originally designed as the recreation club of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes in Singapore and had a swimming pool next to the building.

Now: South Beach Club

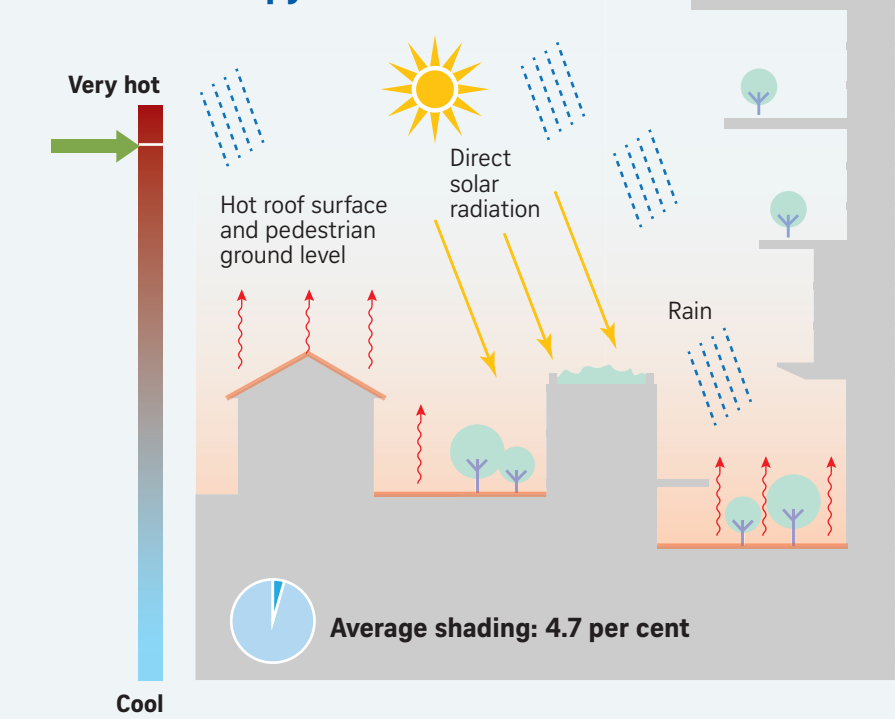
It has restaurants, a cigar bar and a diving pool.



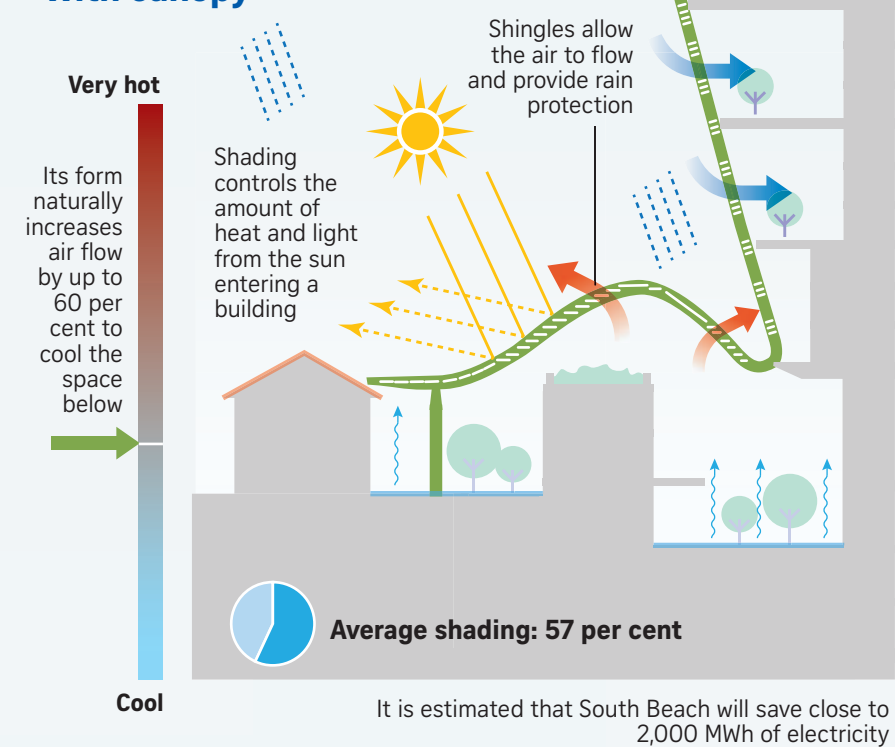
The microclimatic canopy

The lightweight, 280m-long canopy floats across the entire development to filter sunlight and solar glare and channel breezes into the public spaces. The result is a comfortable and cool environment all year round. At the same time, lower points of the canopy create valleys where rainwater can be collected and recycled for irrigating South Beach's lush garden landscape.

Without canopy

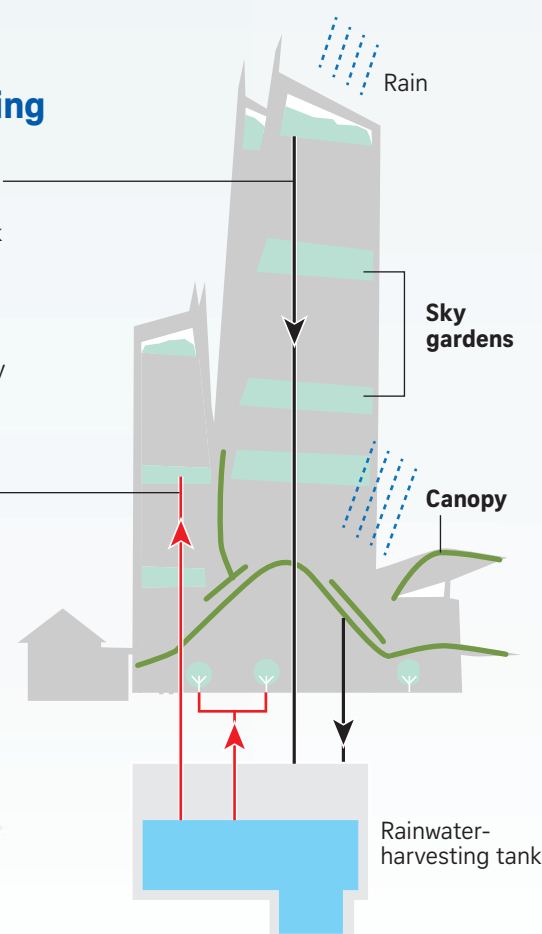


With canopy



Rainwater harvesting

Rainwater collected from the towers and the canopy is funnelled to a harvesting tank underground. Rainwater is pumped back up to three holding tanks to irrigate plants and trees in sky gardens and tower planters. This system of harvesting rainwater helps South Beach save 174,000 cu m of water annually.



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