

# SULTAN OF DESIGN

The chic Mohamed Sultan district has seen its fair share of changes over the years, from being lined with rows of pubs and clubs, to becoming the locale of boutique hotels and expats. But the area is quickly becoming a hip destination for home furniture and accessories. Here's a handy guide to getting around the next time you're there hunting for a living room sofa, a statement lamp, or an interior design specialist.





SHOP

## ROMANEZ ◀

9 Muthuraman Chetty Road  
tel: 6463-9330

A trip to this purveyor of wallcoverings and fabric will have you giddy with excitement. Located on the fourth floor of the APS Building, it offers gorgeous prints, weaves, and embroidery from brands like Pierre Frey from France, Designers Guild from the UK, and Mokum from Australia. These make great upholstery for cushions and sofas, and the staff will also recommend apparel-friendly fabric and home accessories.



## TEMPUR

20 Martin Road  
tel: 6933-5744

What a difference a good mattress makes! Tempur has four collections – including Cloud, for sleepers who love a soft mattress – that are designed to adapt to a user's needs and body shape. The Danish brand also offers pillows and adjustable bed bases that make sleeping, reading, and surfing the net all equally comfortable.

## SERIP ORGANIC LIGHTING ▼

53 Mohamed Sultan Road  
Art and lighting are one and the same in Serip Organic Lighting, and a trip to its store – the newest one on Mohamed Sultan Road – will transfix you. The luxury Portuguese brand designs breathtaking glass chandeliers that are fashioned after the organic and ethereal style of nature. Iconic pieces include the icicle-like Waterfall and Pathleaf, a dense collection of bronze leaves.

## P5 ▲

63 Mohamed Sultan Road  
tel: 6337-0050

Italian furniture company Molteni Group has partnered with luxury retailer P5 to launch a flagship store for two brands: Molteni & C, which designs immaculate wardrobe systems and furniture; and Dada, whose kitchens use natural stone countertops sourced from Italy. The two-storey, 8,000sqf store also offers designs by Carl Hansen and Louis Poulsen. ▶

## GF+A GLOBAL

24 Mohamed Sultan Road  
tel: 6222-2112

If you've seen more plain subway and Peranakan tiles than you can count, check out GF+A Global's arsenal of European tiles, including those from brands like Bisazza and Inalco. They are known for bringing in unique mosaic tiles, many of which can be configured into stunning floral or geometric motifs.







## HOMES 65 △

📍 65 Mohamed Sultan Road  
If you don't have much time left in the area, squeeze in a visit to Homes 65. From Japanese tatami mats and Sicilian lava stone tiles to contemporary Italian brands such as Tonin Casa, and pioneer charred wood furniture brand Smoke, this local retailer has it all. Apart from furniture and accessories in numerous styles, it also offers mattresses and – if you can fit one in your home – saunas. So much to see here!

## HANSGROHE

📍 69 Mohamed Sultan Road  
tel: 6884-5060  
Who hasn't heard of Hansgrohe, the German bathroom fitting experts who have worked with many renowned designers, including Philippe Starck and Nendo? Hansgrohe educates its customers on bathroom renovation planning and living sustainably, too. Find award-winning bathtubs, bathroom and kitchen mixers, as well as accessories like towel rails and roll holders here.

## LIGHTS COLLECTION

📍 241 River Valley Road  
tel: 6737-5518  
Glam up your home with sconces and chandeliers fitted with Swarovski components, or opt for a sleek look with minimalist table and floor lamps instead. You'll find all these at this multi-brand lighting retailer.

## AF HOME

📍 276 River Valley Road  
tel: 6344-9788  
With a four-storey shophouse on River Valley Road, it's no surprise that AF Home has a lot to offer. The 7,000sqf store is filled to the brim with statement tableware, lighting and furniture, as well as soft furnishings like curtains, custom carpets and luxury bedding from Europe and Asia. Its in-house design arm offers upholstery and turnkey services, too; Meritus Hotels & Resorts and the new Andaz Singapore are some of its clients.

## MERLIN FRAME MAKER

📍 292 River Valley Road  
tel: 6735-1866  
Looking to frame that gorgeous silk scarf from Hermes or need advice on the best way to hang your collection of prized art? Head to Merlin, which has been in the business since 1942. It occasionally holds dialogue sessions and exhibitions, too.





## STYLECRAFT

46 Kim Yam Road,  
#01-09 The Herencia  
tel: 6511-9328

Australian furniture retailer Stylecraft is home to chic international brands like Arper and Stua, as well as Aussie-designed and manufactured products from labels Ross Gardam and Skeehan Studio. Though Stylecraft primarily works with interior and office designers, homeowners can also get their share of minimalist, workspace-friendly designs here. ➤



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FIRMS

### DWELL ID ▲

11 Kim Yam Road

### PARK + ASSOCIATES

46 Kim Yam Road,  
#05-04 The Herencia

### 2ND EDITION

46 Kim Yam Road,  
#05-04 The Herencia

### E&A INTERIORS

46 Kim Yam Road,  
#04-24 The Herencia

### HBA/HIRSCH BEDNER ASSOCIATES

46 Kim Yam Road,  
#01-10 The Herencia

### STUDIO 20 CONCEPTS

46 Kim Yam Road,  
#02-07/08 The Herencia

### MARQUE

46 Kim Yam Road,  
#02-05 The Herencia

### ROYAL LIVING

53 Mohamed Sultan Road

### THIRD AVENUE STUDIO

67 Kim Yam Road

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STAY

## M SOCIAL

90 Robertson Quay

This 293-room boutique hotel by Millennium & Copthorne Hotels was designed by renowned French designer Philippe Starck. The rooms feature a loft-style look and roof-shaped ceilings, an homage to the iconic roofs of Robertson Quay shophouses. Don't forget to dine at Beast & Butterflies, which features patterned tiles and modern chandeliers with built-in projectors.



## THE WAREHOUSE HOTEL

320 Havelock Road

Housed in a restored 1895 warehouse, The Warehouse offers an authentic Singapore experience. Designed by award-winning, home-grown agency Asylum, the 37-room hotel features a soothing palette of greys and browns, inviting rooms with original industrial details, as well as custom bedspreads by Matter Prints. Guests will be treated to in-room minibars, bicycles, and guidebooks. There's an infinity pool, too.



## INTERCONTINENTAL SINGAPORE ROBERTSON QUAY

1 Nanson Road

Clad in rich Italian marble, brushed copper and bronze, this upscale accommodation sits by Robertson Quay, with outdoor terraces overlooking the Singapore River.

Designed by award-winning architecture firm SCDA, the 225-room hotel also houses Italian restaurant Publico – which has Instagrammable deli-like interiors – and the famous NYC-based Wolfgang Steakhouse. On its second floor is 1880, the chic private members' lounge designed by Timothy Oulton. ■

