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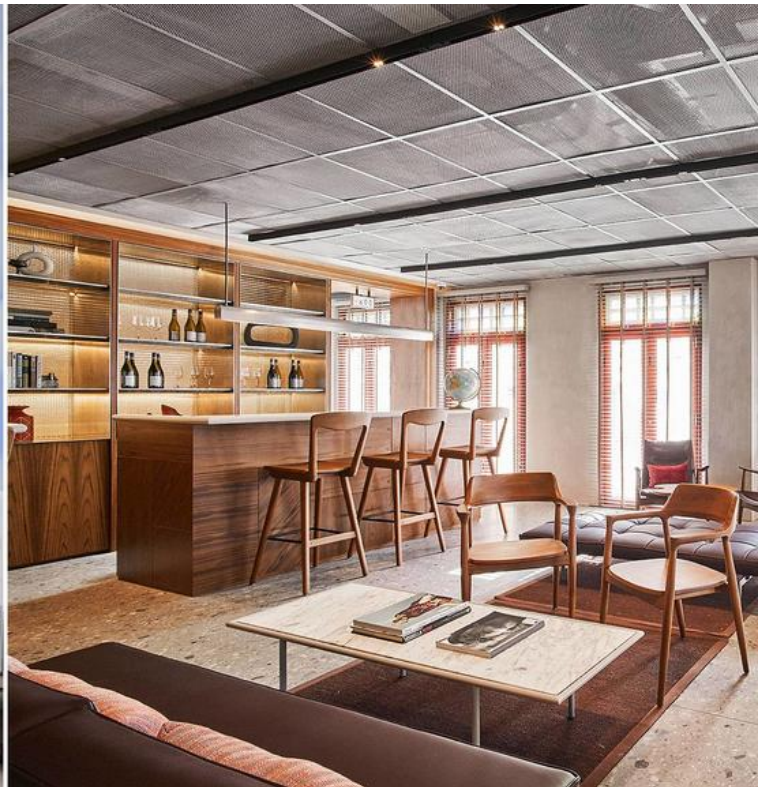
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You may remember Wanderlust Hotel as that eclectic boutique hotel nestled in Little India. It first opened in 2010 to huge fanfare, not least for its quirky rooms and the much-acclaimed Cocotte restaurant. But things aren't what they used to be anymore — in a good way.

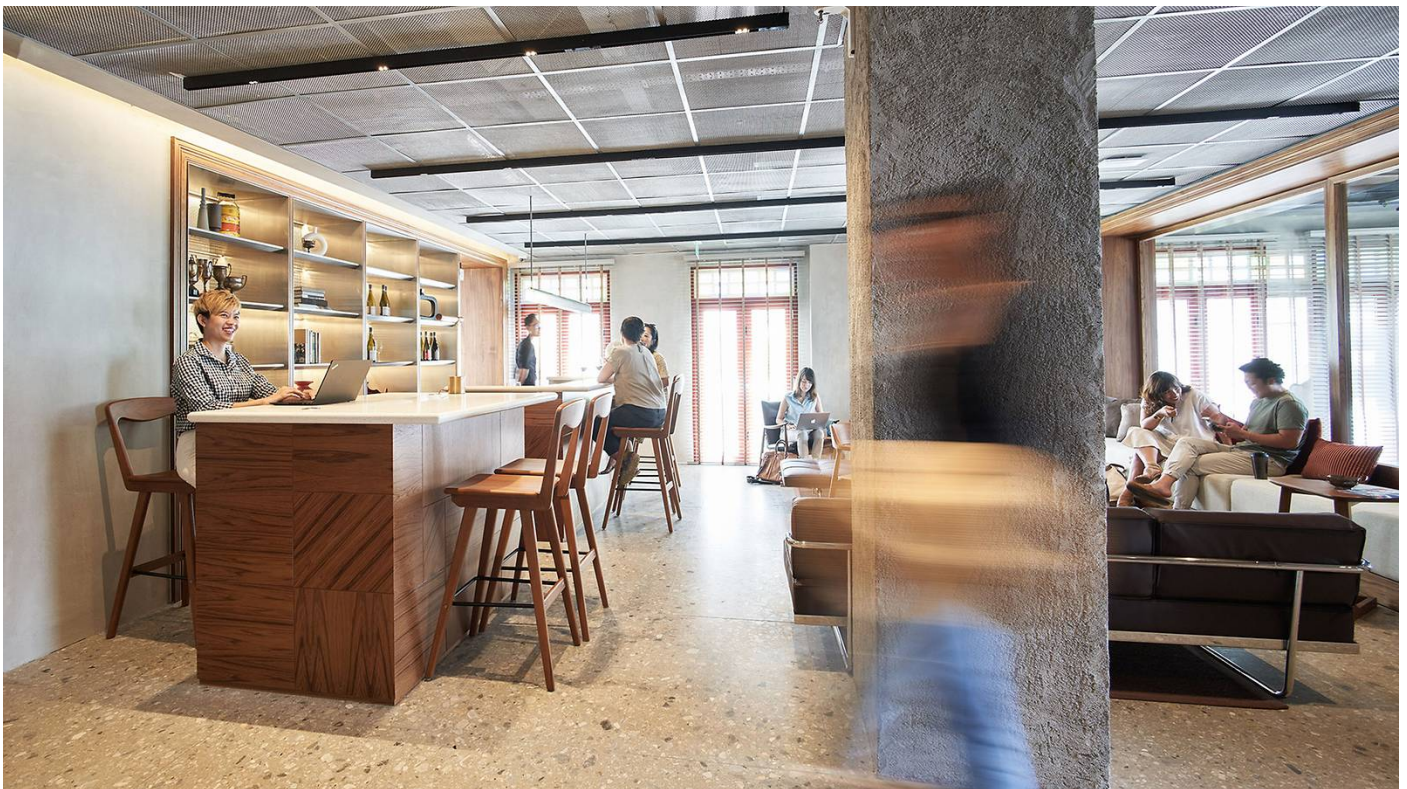


1 of 5 What's changed?

Fast forward 11 years later, Wanderlust has undergone a major makeover. The hotel's name remains the same, and its façade has been somewhat retained, save

for the signboard, which is now considerably more understated. If anything, it's a hint at what Wanderlust 2.0 is on the inside.

Gone are the loud, clashing interiors from before. Instead, Wanderlust has been given a chic modern update. It looks sleeker, but still just as Insta-worthy. The transformation took nine months, under its new owners 8M Collective (the same folks responsible for other properties such as KēSa House and Ann Siang House). Wanderlust's new look and vibe is perfect for hygge moments during a staycay, which is exactly what we need more of in 2020.

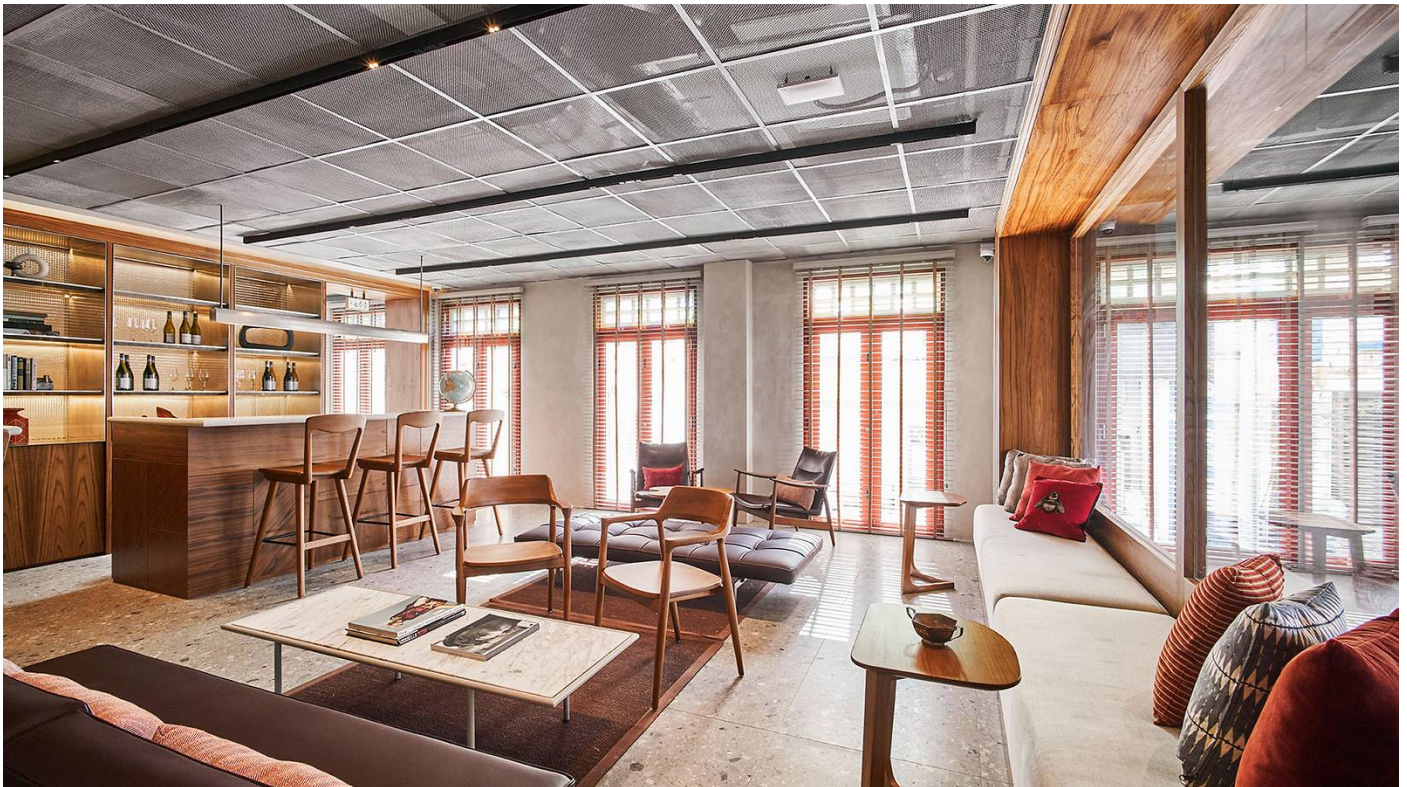


2 of 5 Waitamminute. Are staycays a good idea with the current Covid-19 situation?

Life must go on, and that includes one of Singaporeans' fave pastimes: staycations. In fact, staycays are probably a good idea since you don't have to worry about **travel disruptions**, **coughing plane passengers**, or **where to seek medical help if you fall sick**.

Germaphobes will be happy to know that the folks at Wanderlust have take few measures in light of novel coronavirus situation. These include using hospital-grade disinfectant to clean rooms and common spaces, using ozonizers in rooms while housekeeping is cleaning the rooms, and housekeeping teams also use disposable gloves during cleaning. Masks are provided for hotel staff and guests (upon request). while hand sanitisers are provided in common

spaces, and air purifiers are placed in the lobby. There's also temperature-taking in place for hotel staff and guests.



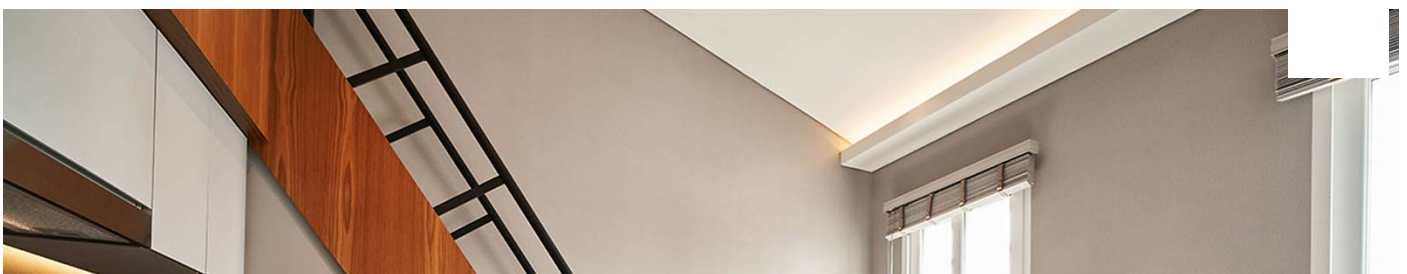
3 of 5 What the hotel lobby looks like now

Upon entering the hotel, you're greeted by the multi-functional space that is lobby, chillout spot, co-working space rolled into one.

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Flashback time! What the hotel lobby used to look like.

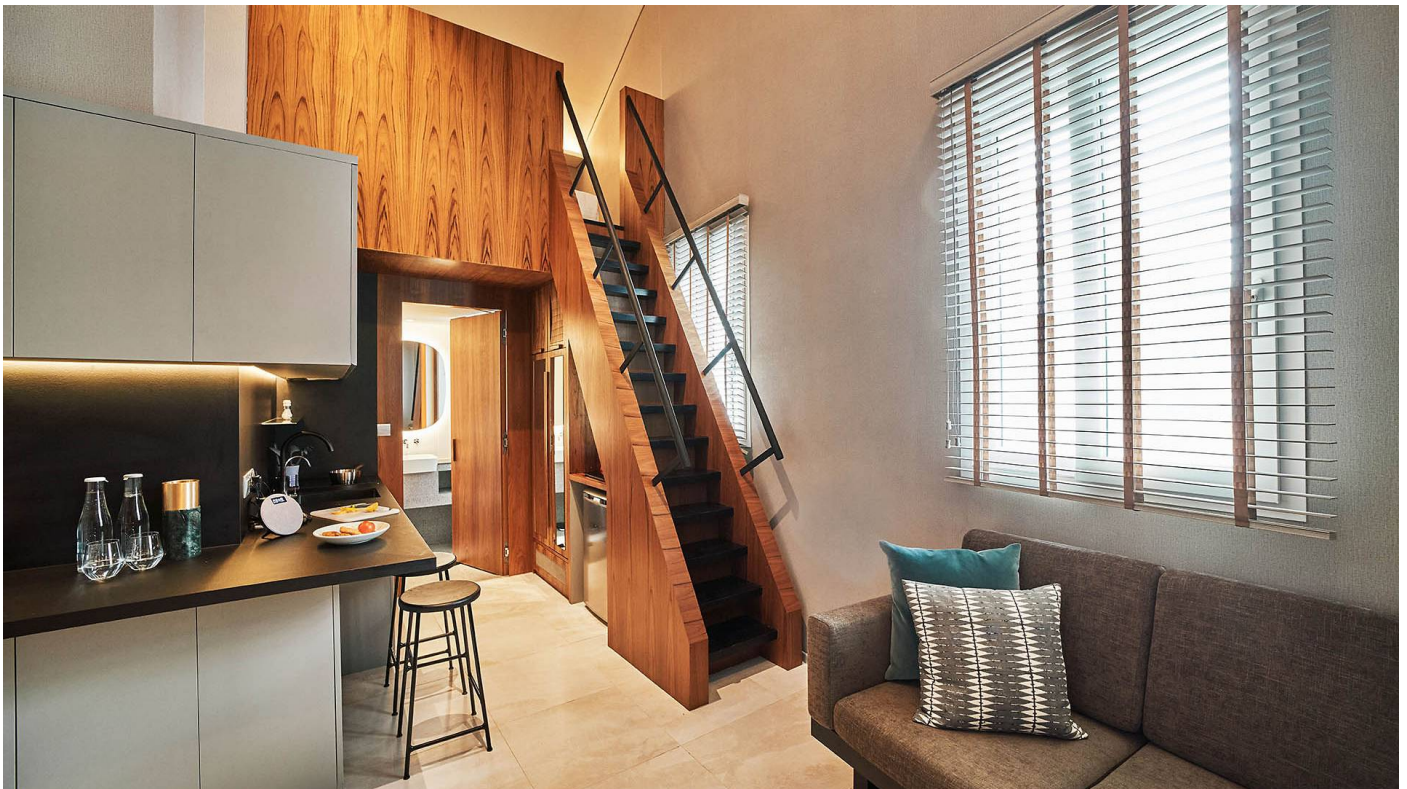
Come mid-March, an in-house Mama Shop will hawk an assortment of snacks, gluten-free treats, craft beer, and then some. In April, a restaurant and bar helmed by Rishi Naleendra, the chef behind Michelin-starred foodie faves like Cloudstreet and Cheek Bistro, will open its doors.





4 of 5 The rooms

The 29 rooms in the hotel range from the cosy Wanderlust Room to the lofts that occupy the top floor of the 1920s heritage building (above). Room rates for rooms in the Loft category, which span 14 to 25 sqm, start from \$270++ a night.



Wanderlust Junior Loft





Wanderlust Junior Studio

The Studio category of rooms (above) range from 16 to 24 sqm in size. Room rates from \$225++ a night.



Wanderlust Room

Most rooms come decked out with a kitchenette, but if you don't need one, you'll be happy in the Wanderlust Room, with rates from \$180++ a night.



5 of 5 Pool factor

Elsewhere in the hotel, there's a dipping pool and a veranda for all your chilling out and Instagram needs.

To entice folks to come and seek refuge here, whether for a weekend getaway or even a longer stay, the hotel is offering special rates for its opening — 15 per cent off daily rates and a 20 per cent discount for weekly rates (five nights minimum).

Wanderlust is at 2 Dickson Rd, S209494. More info at <https://www.8mcollective.com/wanderlust>.

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