



**IN CELEBRATION OF THE FULLERTON BUILDING'S 89TH ANNIVERSARY,
"THE ITALIAN CONNECTION" EXHIBITION DEBUTS AT
THE FULLERTON HOTEL SINGAPORE**

**Discover Italian sculptor, Cavaliere Rodolfo Nolli's architectural legacy on
Singapore's grand edifices along the historic waterfront**



Royal coat of arms



Main entrance of
the Fullerton Building



A pair of
flambeau sculptures



Singapore historic waterfront, circa 1928

SINGAPORE, 23 May, 2017 – At the unveiling ceremony of the Fullerton Building – presently known as The Fullerton Hotel Singapore on 27 June 1928, Sir Hugh Charles Clifford, Governor of the Straits Settlements declared that “the building is, and will be for many years, one of the principal landmarks of Singapore”.

In celebration of its 89 years of illustrious history and rich heritage stemming from the iconic landmark which was gazetted as Singapore's 71st National Monument in 2015, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore has curated an exhibition “The Italian Connection”; 2 June to 18 July 2017. The exhibition shines the spotlight on Italian sculptor Cavaliere Rodolfo Nolli, whose decorative works on the Fullerton Building and other grand edifices along the historic waterfront brought charm, elegance and character to Singapore's historic waterfront in the



19th century. In the same vein, the exhibition also highlights the contributions of the Italian community in Singapore and Cavaliere Giovanni Viterale, the General Manager of The Fullerton Heritage, who was knighted with the Order of the Star of Italy in August 2016.

Much has been uncovered about the history within the National Monument which once housed the General Post Office as well as prominent offices of colonial Singapore in the early days. When Singapore gained independence decades later, the Fullerton Building gained a reputation as “the most powerful building”. Men and women who held offices in Ministry of Finance, Economic Development Board, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Communications, and the Inland Revenue Authority charted the path ahead for a young nation. Less is known about the sculptural works which were erected on the façade of the imposing building and its design intent; which was to inspire confidence in early travellers who arrived at Singapore via the waterfront in the early 20th century.

Through “The Italian Connection” exhibition, curators Mr Jerome Lim and Ms Zinkie Aw aim to shed light on the design influence of the era and highlight the intricate works of Cavaliere Rodolfo Nolli on Singapore’s edifices, which include Clifford Pier (1933), the Ocean Building (1923), the Union Building (1924) and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Chambers (1924) of the past. All that remain standing today are the Fullerton Building and Clifford Pier. Through the exhibition, one can witness the transformation that has taken place along Singapore’s famed waterfront through the years and uncover the legacies of other notable Italians who have left their mark on Singapore as the island nation developed from a British outpost to a major 21st century metropolis.

Cavaliere Giovanni Viterale remarked: “As an Italian myself, I feel immensely proud of my Italian heritage and of the Italian pioneers who have contributed their talents and exemplified the Italian spirit and passion for life through unique ways; ranging from architecture, hospitality, commerce and more. Through this exposition, it is also my wish that more will come to appreciate the majestic architecture of the Fullerton Building, which holds its place as a symbol of Singapore against our ever changing skyline.”

Aside from the exhibition, children can also participate in “**A Hunt For Lions In The Lion City**” - an engaging trail which brings them on a discovery hunt to uncover the locations and fascinating stories behind the lions and cat species sculptures around The Fullerton Hotel Singapore and the Fullerton waterfront. The complimentary trail will be conducted on



Saturday, 17 June 2017, from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. and is available for registration at <http://lioncity.peatix.com>. Adults who are interested to learn more about Cavaliere Rodolfo Nolli's works which are still in existence around the Civic District can sign up for a complimentary heritage trail led by local heritage blogger, Mr Jerome Lim. The trail entitled **"Lions, An Elephant, A Bull and A Two-Headed Snake"** will be conducted on Saturday, 17 June 2017, from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and is available for registration at <http://theitalianconnectiontour.peatix.com>.

"The Italian Connection" exhibition is held at the East Garden Foyer of The Fullerton Hotel Singapore and is open from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. daily from 2 June to 18 July 2017. For more enquiries, email enquiries@fullertonhotels.com.

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About The Fullerton Heritage

Located where the dynamic developments of Marina Bay intersect with the world famous Singapore skyline, and where the historic district meets the future, The Fullerton Heritage precinct is the focal point for waterfront fine dining, upscale shopping and entertainment. The waterfront development's architecture combines both the historical and contemporary, adding vibrancy to the area's long-established cultural heritage and central business district. An exquisite dining and hospitality complex, the precinct consists of The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore, The Fullerton Waterboat House, One Fullerton, The Fullerton Pavilion, Clifford Pier and Customs House.

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About The Fullerton Hotel Singapore

Gazetted as Singapore's 71st National Monument, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore was once home to the General Post Office, The Singapore Club and the Chamber of Commerce. It is a luxury hotel with 400 rooms and suites carefully designed to provide both business and leisure travellers with a sanctuary of serenity and comfort in which to retreat and rejuvenate. Dynamically located in the heart of the financial and arts districts, the hotel successfully blends rich heritage with contemporary style and personalised service to offer guests a world-class accommodation experience. Epicureans can enjoy a delectable array of dining selections. There are a total of 5 restaurants and bar in the hotel, namely Town Restaurant which presents international buffets and an à la carte menu, Jade features authentic Chinese cuisine, The Courtyard offers an Indian buffet, Japanese buffet and Afternoon Tea, and The Lighthouse Restaurant & Rooftop Bar with breathtaking views of the bay serves authentic Italian cuisine. Post Bar, which features the original ceiling and pillars of the General Post Office, is the popular choice amongst the trendy elite. Aside from the dining selections, The Fullerton Hotel also features an exquisite and intimate retail wing. Guests seeking rejuvenation can pamper themselves with the indulgent treatments at The Fullerton Spa. www.fullertonhotels.com