

CANVAS HOUSE BY MINISTRY OF  
DESIGN—A BLANK SLATE ON HISTORIC  
GROUNDS

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# House

Typology: Home  
Location: Blair Road  
Size: 350m<sup>2</sup>  
Timeline: 2020  
Design: Ministry of Design  
Photography: Edwards Hendricks / CI&A  
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Nestled in the heart of Tanjong Pagar, Canvas House is a four-story conservation shophouse and co-living space designed in collaboration with Figment, keeping the concept of layers in mind. Apart from the occasional splash of colour and texture, seen in the form of ornate furniture and exposed brick walls, the interiors are predominantly white, blurring the distinctions between space and object.

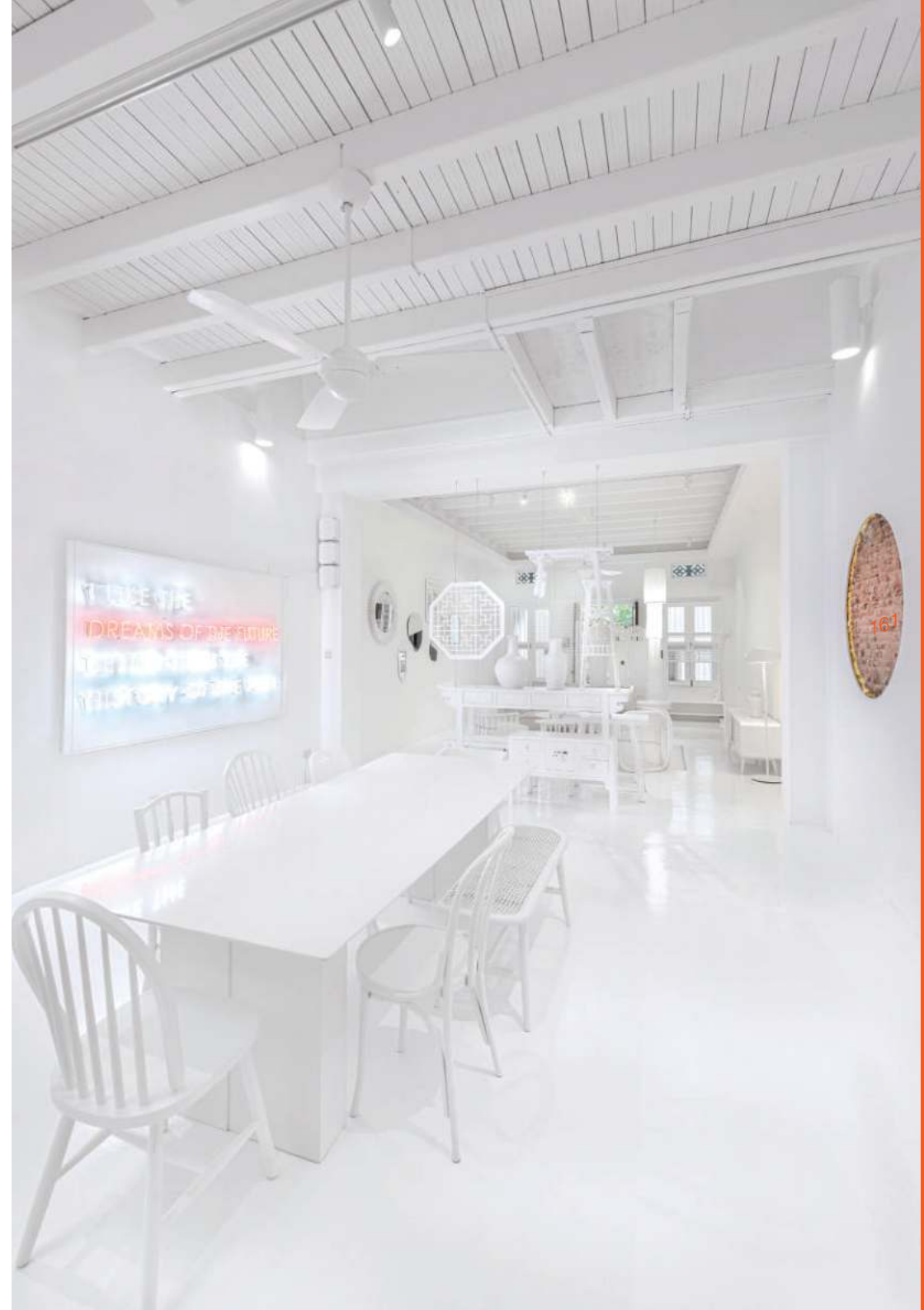


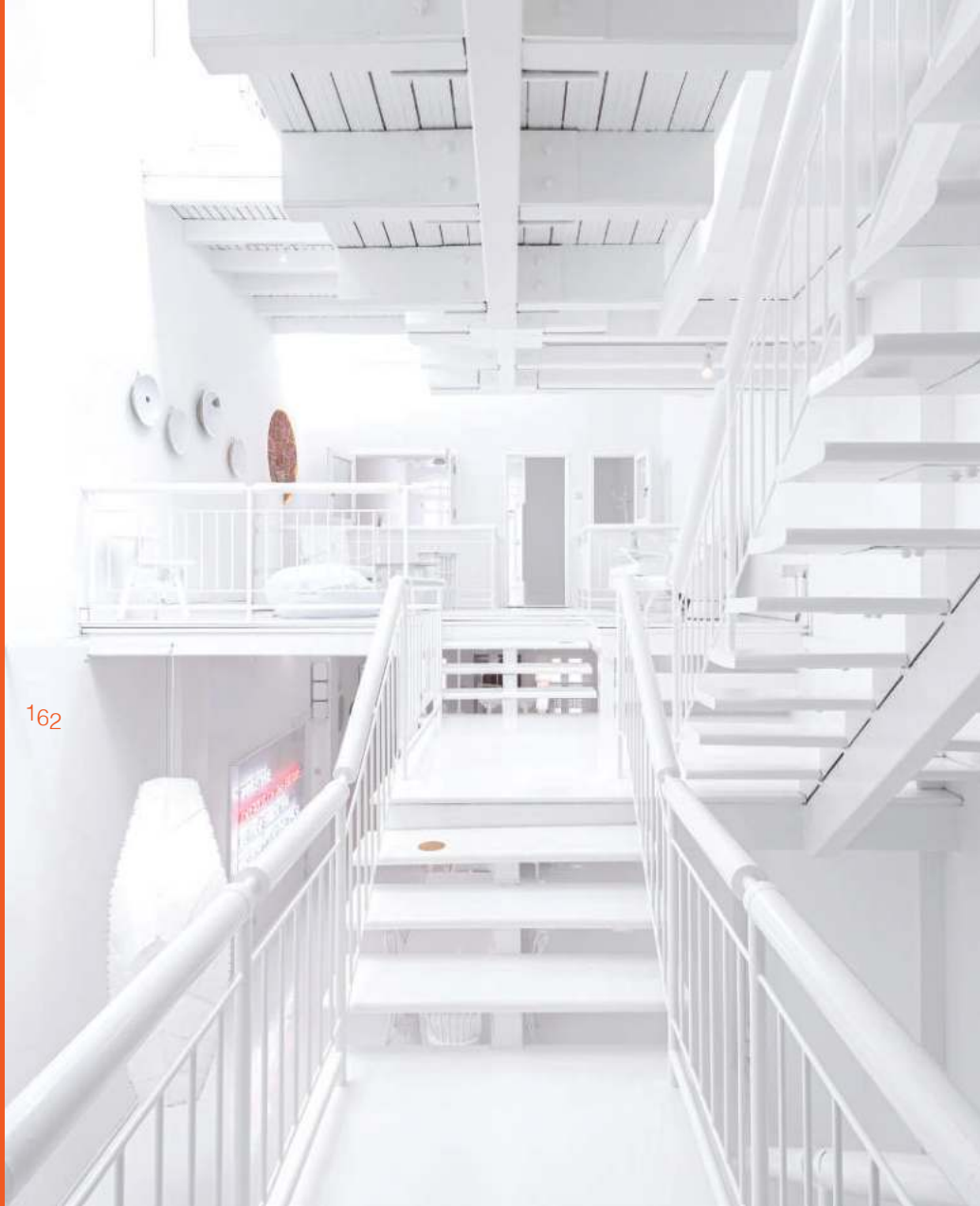
[1 - 6] Nearly every surface, from floor to ceiling, has been covered in a uniform layer of white paint. Ministry of Design avoided contemporary furnishings, aiming to evoke the historical essence of shophouses as gateways to a bygone era.

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“Historic dwellings like conservation shophouses are repositories of memories, with previous lives and a past of their own.”

— MINISTRY OF DESIGN



[2, 4, 5] Vintage ceramic plates, painted white, adorn the walls as art. The space also features a collection of lights co-created by Ministry of Design with Kang.

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