# Orchard Road

Orchard Road was named after the many nutmeg plantations, pepper farms and fruit orchards that used to line the street in the 1830s. As the city developed and progressed inland from the Padang area, the plantations in Orchard area gave way to residential development. Many private houses, mainly bungalows of the old Peranakan style, began to dominate the Scotts Road and Tanglin Road areas. Shophouse developments were built on Orchard Road and Somerset Road as the city grew.

In the early 1900s, commercial developments began at Orchard Road. This signalled the start of its evolution into the commercial district of today. In 1917, the Singapore Cold Storage Company opened a store to distribute food supplies. The Orchard Road Market provided fresh produce for the residents.

In the 1950s, CK Tang founded his department store there. Through the 1960s and into 1970s, entertainment centres such as Lido Cinema, Orchard Theatre, Raffles Village and Jackie's Bowl were opened. Hotels such as Forum Inter-Continental, Ming Court, Mandarin and Hilton were built to serve the booming tourist industry.

From the 1970s through to the 1980s, commercial and hotel development intensified. Rapidly, the road was transformed into a hotel, shopping and entertainment area that it is today.

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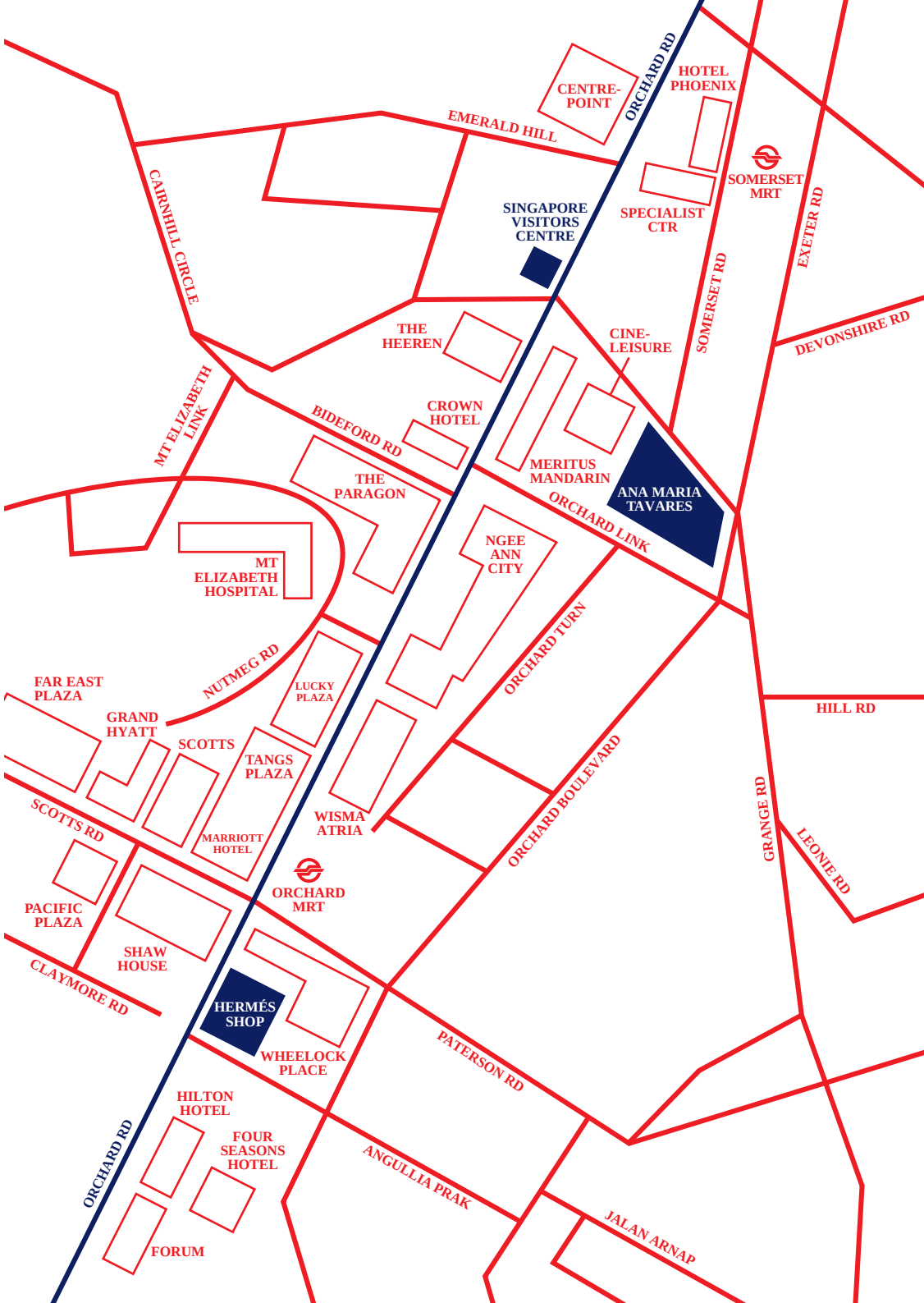
**Artists:** Jin Shan, Takashi Kuribayashi, Yayoi Kusama, Ana Maria Tavares, ***Through Popular Expression***
**Space Used:** Pedestrian Walkway and Singapore Visitors Centre
**Exhibition Hours:** 10am – 6pm
**Entrance Fee:** Free Admission
**Nearest MRT Station:** Orchard
**Bus Services:** 7, 14, 14A, 16, 36, 36A, 64, 65, 77, 106, 111, 124, 123, 132, 139, 143, 162, 167, 171, 174, 174E, 190, 190A, 502, 518, 700, 700A