

in <u>Singapore</u>. It was established by two Armenian brothers from Persia—Martin and Tigran Sarkies—in 1887. In later years they were joined by younger brothers Aviet and Arshak and kinsman Martyrose Arathoon. With their innovative cuisine and extensive modernisations, the firm built the hotel into Singapore's best known icon. It was named after Stamford Raffles, the founder of modern Singapore, whose statue had been unveiled in 1887. The hotel is currently managed by Fairmont Raffles Hotels International and houses a tropical garden courtyard, museum, and Victorian-style

The notel hou s the Rames Hotel displays the rich Museum, which el. The museum was history of the ho created after a well-orchestrated heritage searc by a public relations consultant. People from all over the world returned ems and memorabilia of their stay at he 'grand lady of the Far East'; photographs, silver and china items, postcards and menus as well as old and rare editions of the works of the famous writers who stayed there. These items are displayed in the museum along with photographs of its



view of the courtyard and some the hotel rooms Raffles Hotel is reputedly where the sole surviving wild tiger in Singapore was shot and made extinct. Some stories place this event in the Long Bar. The hotel management claims the tiger escaped from enclosure at a nearby native stow and was chased underneath the hotel's Bar & Billian Room (a raised structure) and shot to death there on 13 August 1902.

Housing bounder brailes such as Louis Vuitton, Surrender, and Tiffany & Co.. The arcade houses most of the hotel's estaurants. It also has shops such as the custom tailor, CYC The Custom Shop, 191 which makes shirts for Singapore's first prime minister, Lee Kuan Yew, and the third and current prime minister, Lee Hsien Loong The third floor of the arcade houses the Raffles Hotel Museum