

# Thailand Report

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## 1. ATT 19

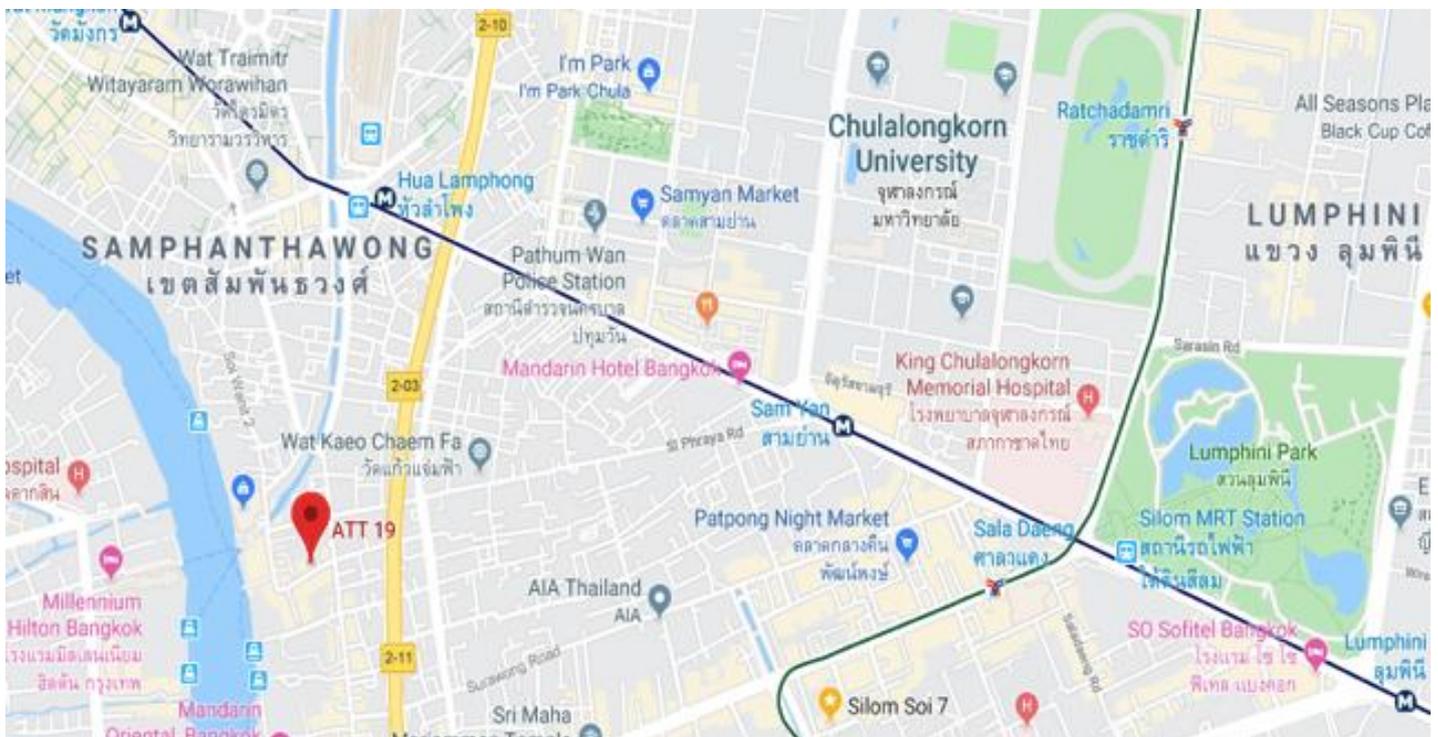
### Project Overview

ATT 19 is set in teak building which formerly served as a Chinese school. Pornthep (Lek) Attakanwong, a prominent art dealer who owns Lek Gallery next door and an architect by trade, took over the building when the headmistress and owner of the Chinese school decided to retire. She offered it to her architect-neighbor rather than let the historic building fall prey to developers. Preserving many of the original elements, Lek converted the building into a multifunctional art space. The art gallery is run by his youngest daughter Porn-tip (Mook), while another daughter (Cher), a trained Le Cordon Bleu chef, is opening a restaurant called Mad Beef in the extension built to the complex. Lek wanted to preserve the unique character and teak-heavy esthetics of this century-old building, while adding contemporary touches and drawing from his own experiences as a master-builder.

### Project Details

1. **Type of Business:** Multipurpose venue incorporating an art gallery, retail store and restaurant.
2. **Open Date:** 01/2019
3. **Location:** Charoen Krung 30, Bangkok, Thailand
4. **Architect (Conversion):** Pornthep (Lek) Attakanwong
5. **Website:** [www.facebook.com/ATT19.BKK](http://www.facebook.com/ATT19.BKK)

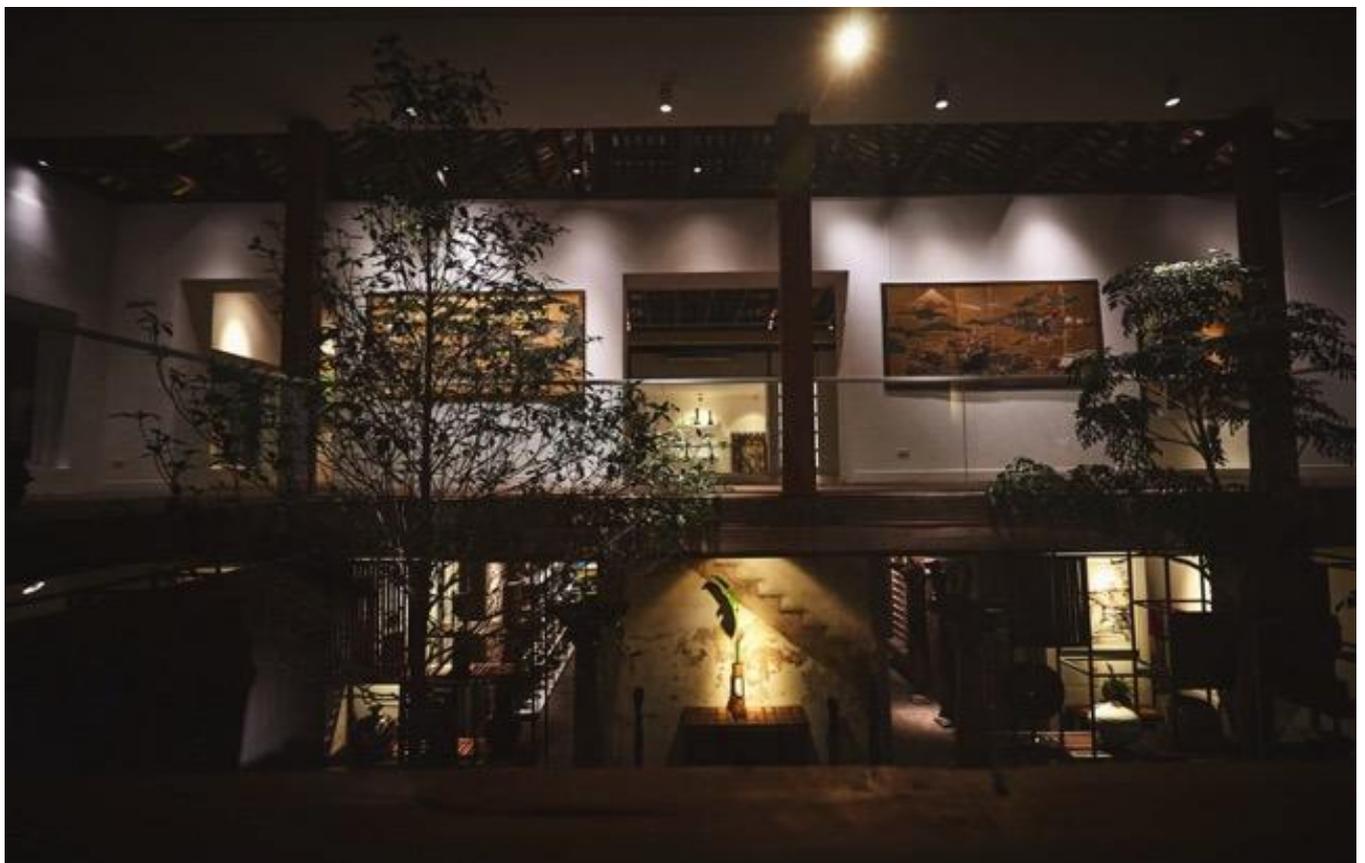
### Location map



ATT 19 is located in Bangkok's Charoen Krung, an area known as the city's Creative District and home to many independent art galleries, gourmet restaurants and live-music venues.



The repurposed doors were originally from a Chinese temple.





The entire building and structure has been made with reclaimed, recycled, or repurposed materials as much as possible.



All objects on display are for sale.



As a homage to its previous life as a Chinese school, the architect left the outline of the staircase intact which used to lead to the classrooms upstairs.



A striking contrast to the venue's old-world ambience is the contemporary art decking of the walls.



Besides selling ceramics and antiques, ATT 19 also houses a vintage clothing store.





The gallery offers a platform for young, emerging talent.





The art gallery upstairs where the classrooms used to be.

