1904-1960

THE HOUSE OF BROTHERS MG & CG

House of Mangaldas Girdhardas & Chamanlal Girdhardas

With their new found wealth, the brothers builda house together and moved in with both their families.

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A new wing is added to the house to accommodate a family run Bank and a suite of rooms on the 1st floor that hosts visiting Indian royalty and high ranking dignitaries.

• Sheth Mangaldas passes away.

1924

India attains Freedom

1950

Gujarat and Maharashtra become separate states and the new Gujarat Government passes the 'Requisition Law' to occupy empty premises for government use. This house gets occupied by government and other tenants.

1892

1904

Mangaldas Girdhardas & Chamanlal Girdhardas, at the age of 30 & 18 respectively, started their 1st Textile Mill & there was no looking back. 1920

On his return from
South Africa, Mohandas
Karamchand
Gandhi is a
guest at this house
and Mangaldas
becomes one of his
ardent supporters.

1915

1930

Further extension
of an entire new wing
is done to accommodate
the growing family
and elder brother
Mangaldas moves
in to this wing

with his family.

1947

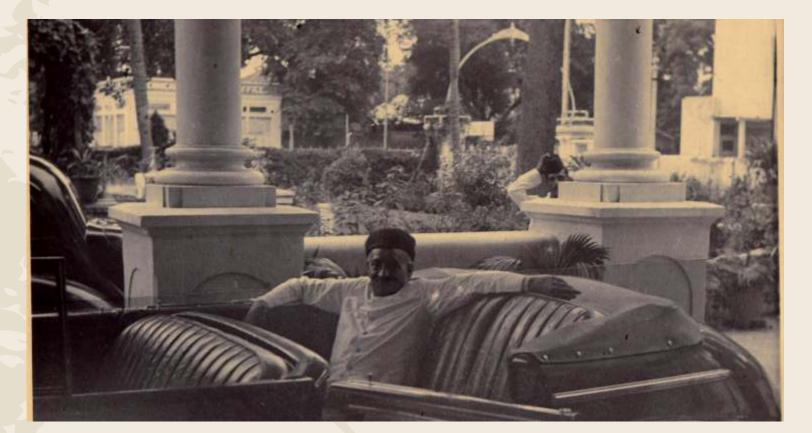
Sheth Chamanlal passes away.

1960

The last member staying in this house shifts out to individual family homes in the western side of the city, now connected by a bridge, the Ellisbridge.



Children went to school in a horse drawn buggy.



Chamanlal Girdhardas Parekh en route to work in a convertible car.



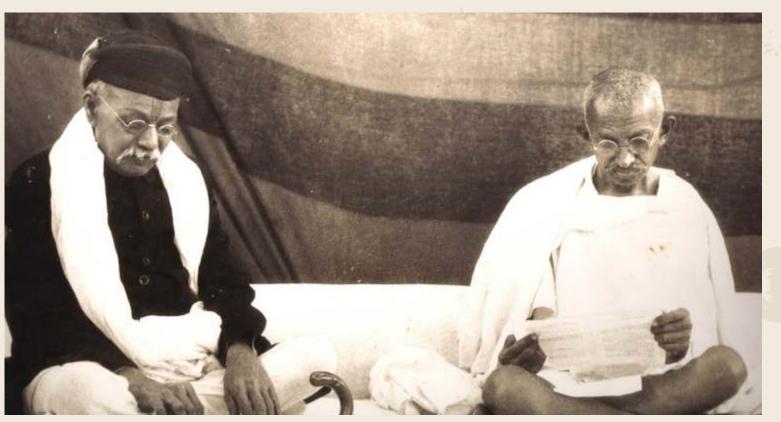
Sheth Mangaldas Girdhardas & Sheth Chamanlal Girdhardas.



The old home at Raja Mehta ni Pol where Mangaldas and Chamanlal grew up. It still exists.



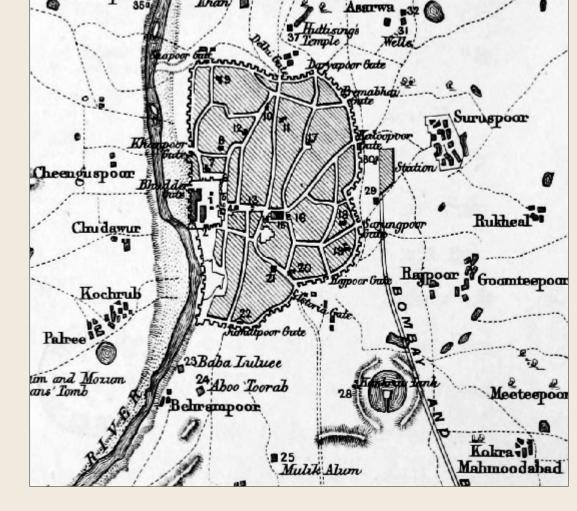
At the opening of the Industrial Bank in 1920 at this bungalow.



Mahatma Gandhi with Sheth Mangaldas Girdhardas.



Sit-down thali dinner on terrace of the house. (now Agashiye restaurant)



Ahmedabad city during 19th century. The population of the city during 1901 was 185,900 and the area was 5.35 sq km.



The Weaving loom-shed in a 19th century cotton mills in Ahmedabad similar to the one started by Mangaldas.



Shethiya club (1892-94). 'Shethiya' is a term used for 'bosses', then mostly of Textile Mills.

The house had common bath and toilet areas.

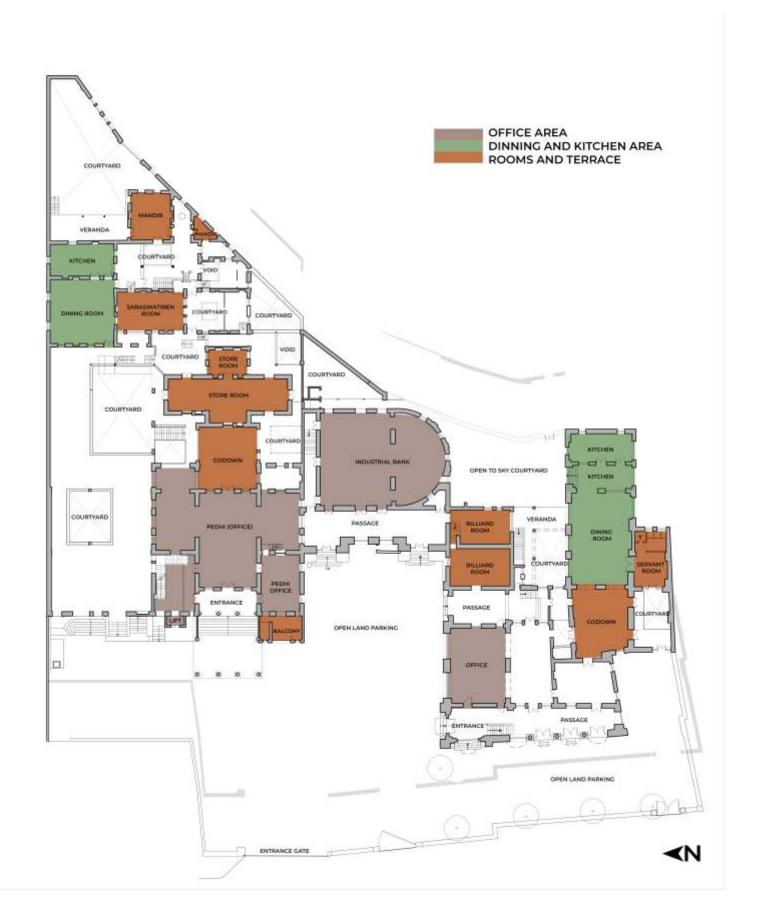
One of the most noticeable rooms was the delivery room with attached toilet where, at times, both mother and daughter would be giving birth together.

The public spaces had sitting areas for business and offices (kacheri). The terraces of both the houses were used commonly for celebration of festivals like kite festival and for joint dinners of the entire family.

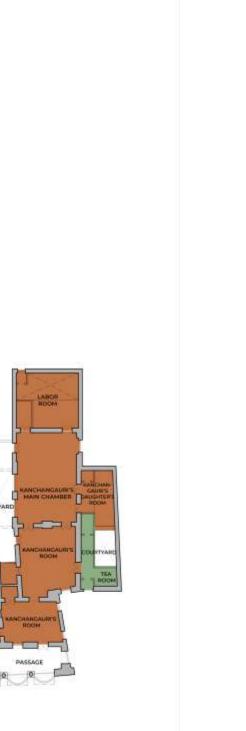


Queen Elizabeth visits Sidi Saiyed Mosque (1961). The house is visible in the background.

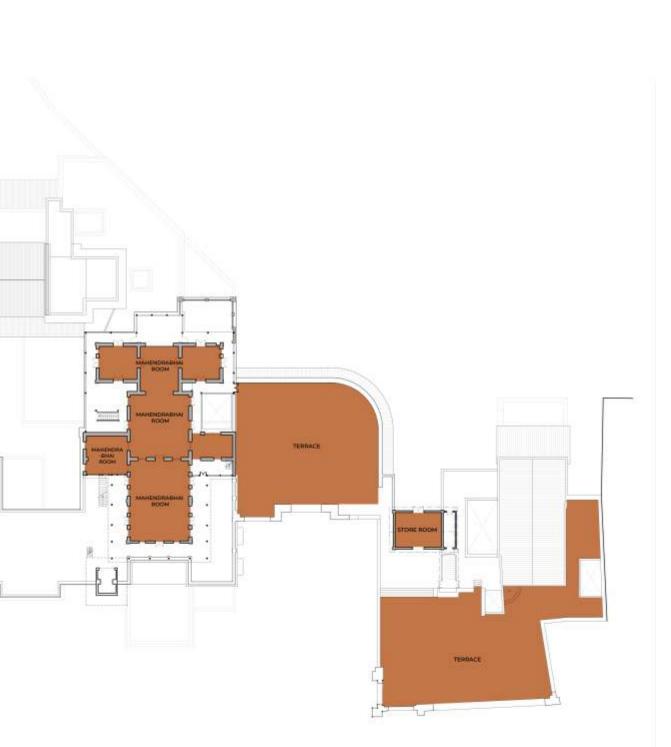
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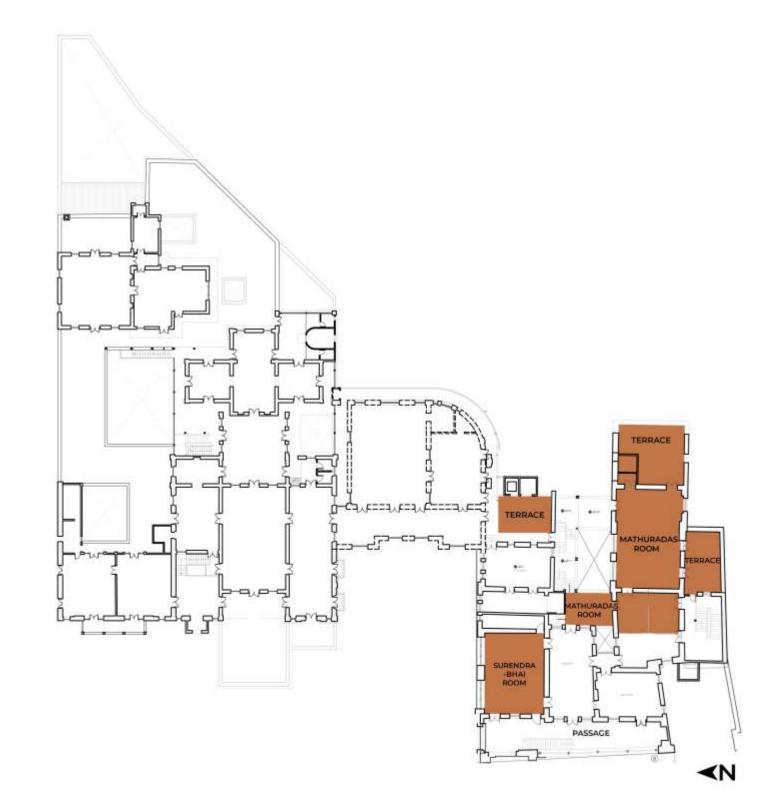
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN



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1960 - 1995

DEPARTMENT STORE, RESTAURANT, SHOPS, CLINICS & OFFICES

Tenanted Property

Ruab Denim Store, South Land Restaurant, Government offices, Clinics & other tenants divide the building into many smaller parts and the building slips into disrepair.

1983-87

Abhay Mangaldas controlled company Victoria Capita Ventures buys MG Wing of this house from family members as part of a family separation.

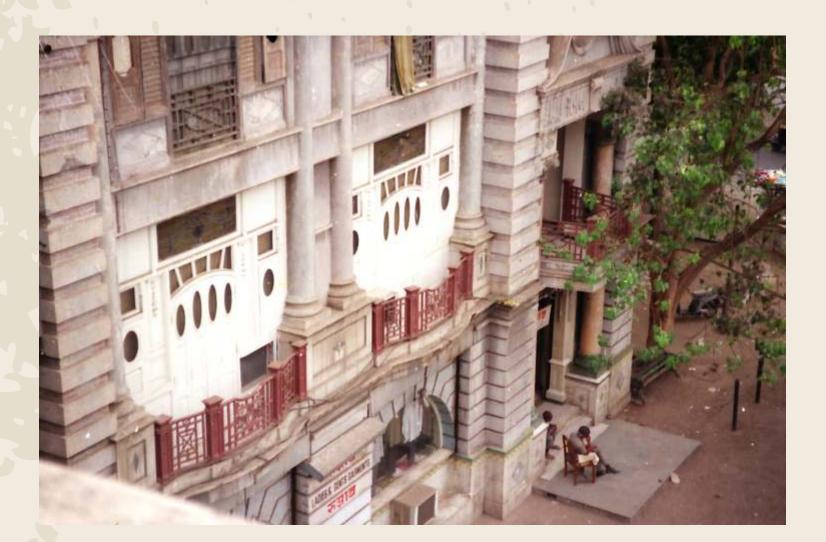
1960s

'Parekhs' Department Store,
Life Insurance Corporation,
Post & Telegraph Clinic, Town
Planning Department, medical clinics
and a school along with family accounts
offices occupy the building.

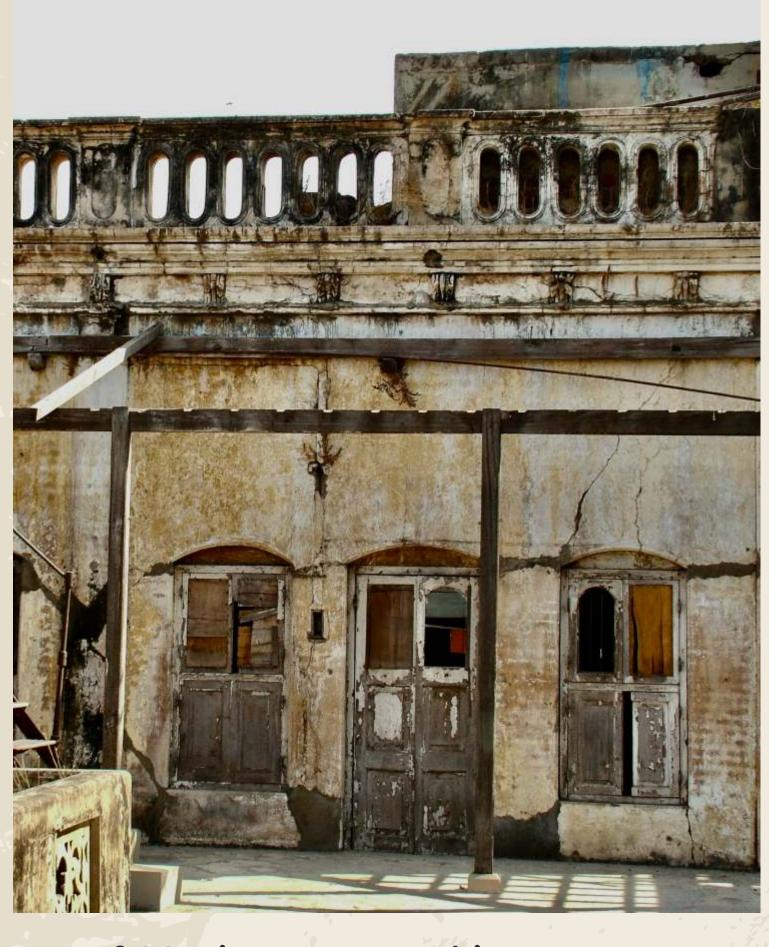
1970s

The 'AM Garment Shop', started by Abhay Mangaldas while on a year off after school is amongst the first to sell ready-made cotton clothing for men. He closes it when he goes abroad for his post graduate studies.

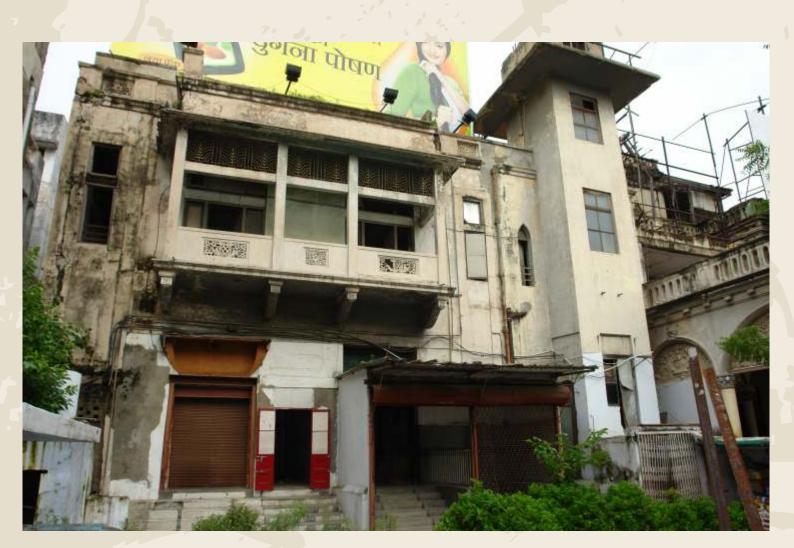
1995



AM Garment Shop on first floor and Ruab Denim Store on the Ground floor of the house. Aryodaya Mills was amongst the first mills to make denim in India.



Part of CG wing, now Agashiye restaurant, before renovation. Old buildings in the city were being torn down to make room for modern buildings from 1970s onwards.



CG wing facade in 1995. An empty shell where once there was a home.



The building was tenanted to many entities including Government offices, private offices, clinics and a restaurant. The family members account offices and some entrepreneurial ventures started by individual members also operated from here.



State of CG Wing before renovation.

As the family moved out to the Western part of the city across the river, with more open land and room for independent houses, this building went into disrepair. The boom in the textile business slowed through 1980's and the family members opted for other careers. During 1960's, after Gujarat and Maharashtra separated into two separate states, the Gujarat Government introduced the Requisition Act that allowed it to occupy a substantial portion of the empty space in this building. The family also took in other tenants as its financial condition deteriorated and the glory of the building faded.



Closed Parekh's department store, India's first multi-brand department store, started by members of CG family which was very popular in it's time.

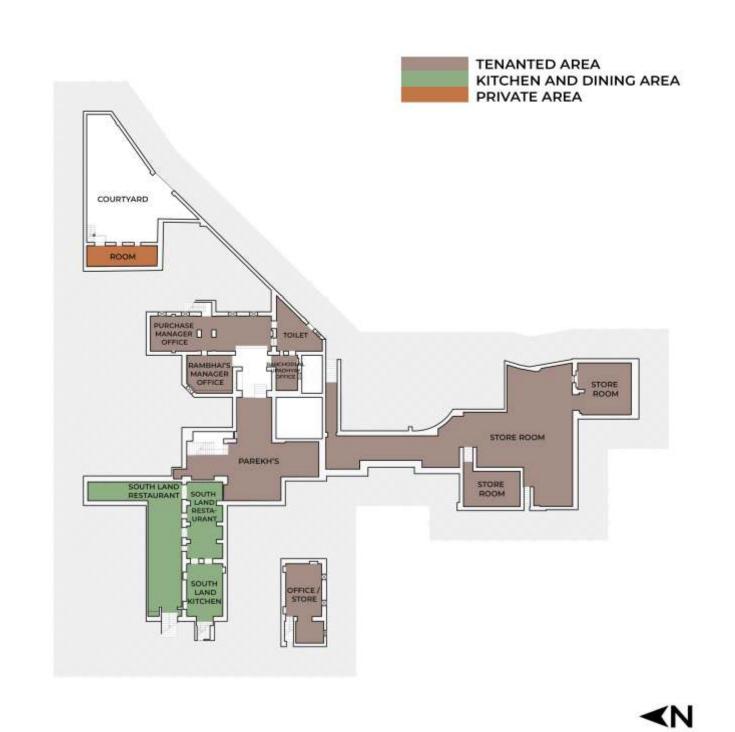


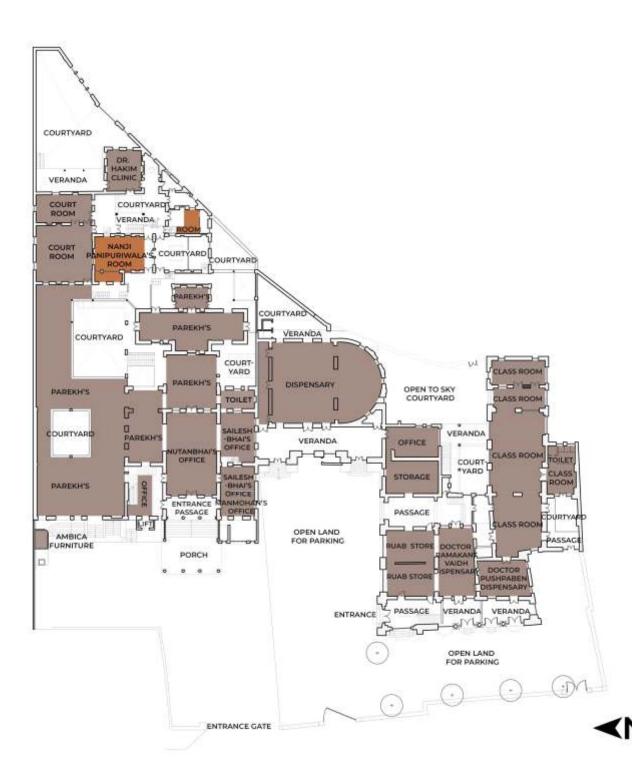
State of the woodwork before renovation.

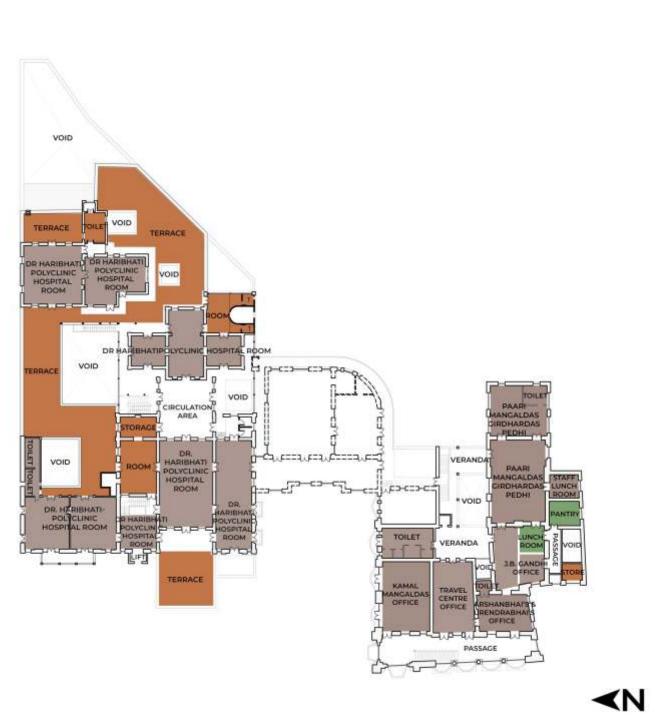


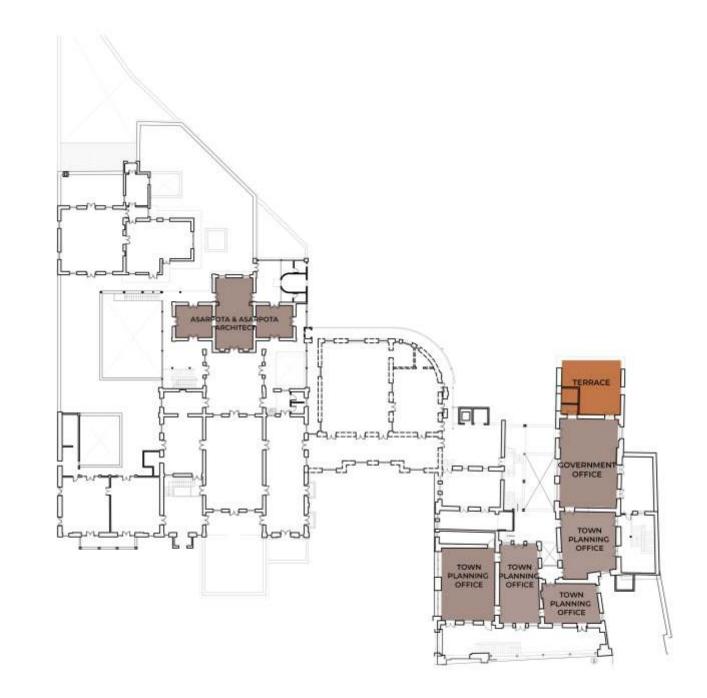
Dilapidated & run down state of tenanted spaces post 1960.

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1999 to Present

HOUSE OF MG WITH CG WING

An iconic Heritage Hotel

CG wing is purchased from CG family.

1999

October 19 - Green House café opened in the parking area of the building. It was called so as it was in a structure that looked like a green house. It also sold plants.

2004-07

2014

The city of Ahmedabad is declared by UNESCO as India's first World Heritage City. **Prime Minister Narendra** Modi hosts Japanese PM Shinzo Abe at Agashiye Restaurant to showcase a heritage experience of the city.

2017

2019

1999

June 4 - Agashiye, a Gujarati Thali restaurant was started on the terrace of the building. The goal was to emulate a terrace dining experience in a Mangaldas family home.

The first seven rooms of the hotel opened as slowly the tenants were convinced to

2007 vacate the premises. Five more rooms were added later along with lounge called HBM for 'Hun Bawo ne Mangaldas'

The CG wing is renovated and The House of MG becames a full service hotel with 38 rooms.

The House of MG today is repository of the Mangaldas family legacy that draws visitors from around the world with three other restored sister properties under its management.



House of MG is located in the centre of the city. The population and area of the city has expanded to 86.44 lakhs(2019) and 464 km.



1999- 'Agashiye' rooftop restaurant serving the Gujarati thali is the first enterprise in this building that continues to this date.



1999 - Green House, a café opens in what used to be the parking lot of the house.



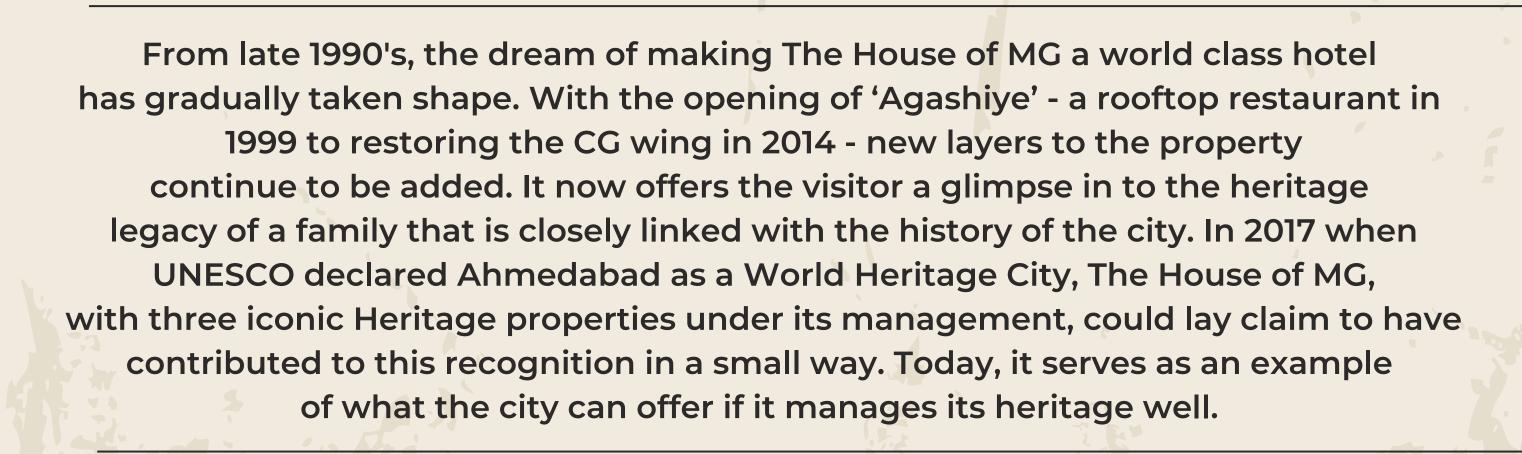
2004 - Interior of a room at The House of MG where all the items are hand made by artisans.



The House of MG as a completely restored project in 2014.



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hosted Japanese counter part Shri Shinzo Abe at The House of MG for an Indo - Japan summit meeting in September 2017 to commemorate Ahmedabad being declared India's first UNESCO World Heritage City.





2006 - Where there was once a bank, later a Post and Telegraph Dispensary, opened as an Indoor Swimming Pool.



2017 - 'Dev Viman' is a space for celebrations and gatherings. Its inaugural function was an Indo - Japan summit meeting.

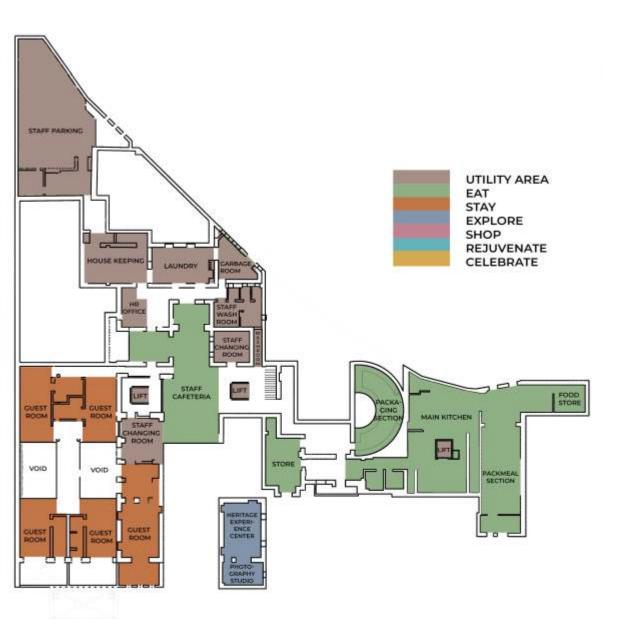


2017 - Ahmedabad Trunk Gallery shop with folk textiles, tribal arts and heritage related books opens on 1st floor.

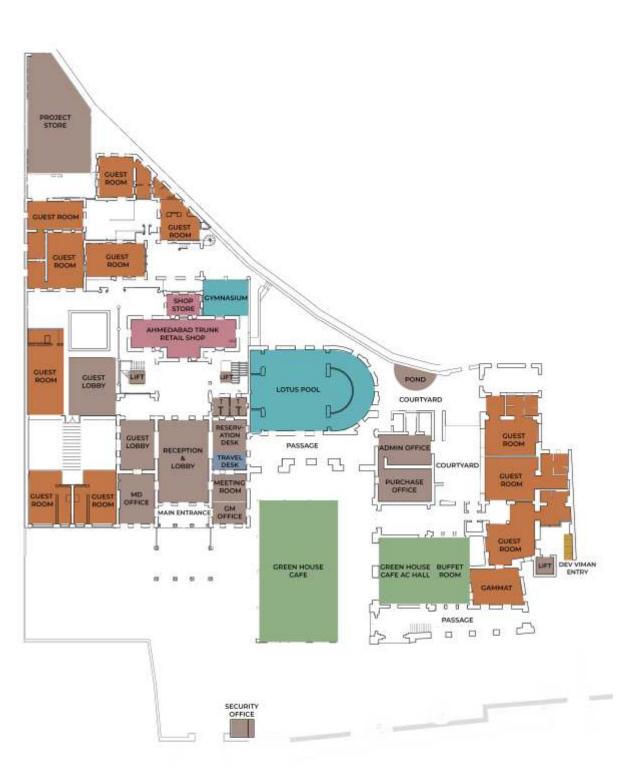


2017- 18 Gujarat Textile Gallery and later Saree and Shawl Gallery with items from the personal collection of Leena Sarabhai Mangaldas and Anjali Hutheesing Mangaldas opens at Ahmedabad Trunk

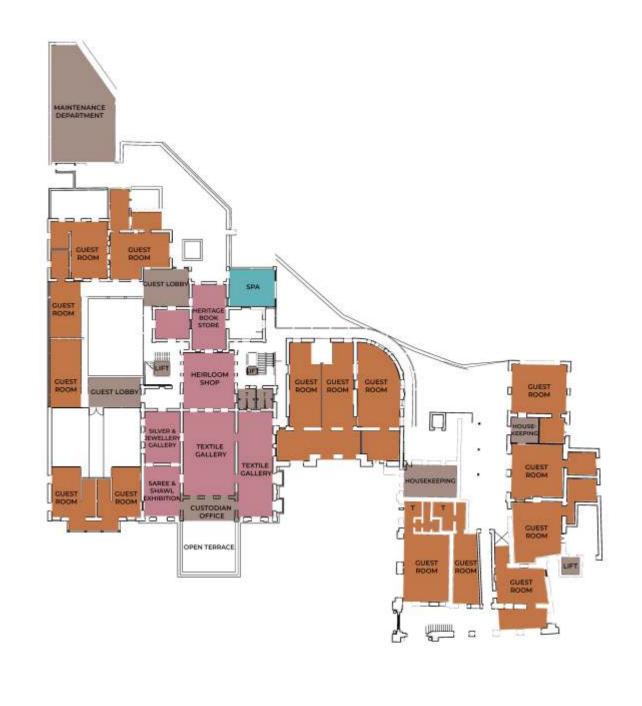
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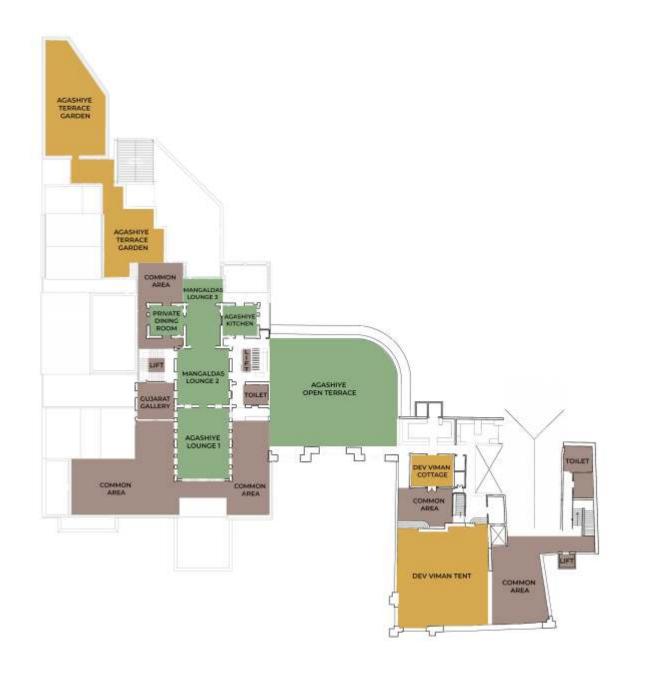
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