

**Local Architectural Interventions  
- A Catalyst for Growth and Improvement**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Existing cities in some of the developing countries have recently witnessed a growth in their economy. As a result there is a growth in the service industry and a growth in the general mass's ability to earn as well as spend. There is also a considerable growth in the building industry and hence a pressure on the city to grow to accommodate new buildings and infrastructure. Although overall planning is essential, and new infrastructure and townships are needed to accommodate the growth of people in cities, but at the same time there needs to be some changes made to the old parts of the city so that those areas can keep up with the demands that new building and infrastructure indirectly impose upon them. My thesis investigates the possibility of local architectural interventions to be a positive catalyst in the above mentioned change and revitalization of old parts of a city and ultimately helps the city grow in macro scale.