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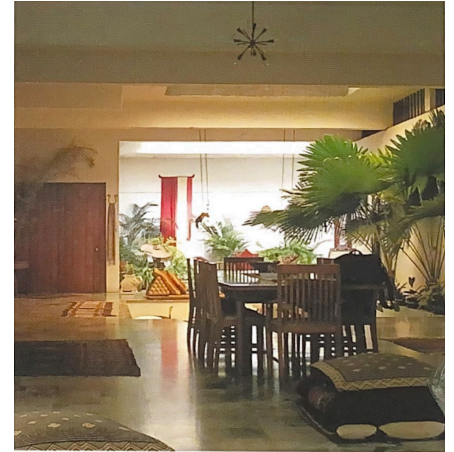
KANNANGARA HOUSE
42/1 Horton place,
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11 a.m.– 1 p.m.
Tours at 11.30 a.m. daily

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Left: Cantilevering beams and sun breakers on the Kannangara House



Right: The living room of the Kannangara House in 2000

Kannangara House Colombo 1959–61

Bawa designed a house for a lawyer called Aelian Kannangara on a tight site at the end of a narrow lane off Horton Place in Colombo. The building's footprint occupied a large portion of the site and part of the first floor was designed to serve as a terrace and garden. Much of the ground floor was given over to an immense rectangular living area measuring about 9 by 27 metres, which incorporated two small areas and was sandwiched between a pair of bedrooms and the service areas. The roof of this monumental, column-free space was supported by deep lateral beams resting on a system of longitudinal beams and perimeter piers. The bays between the piers were infilled with panels of glass or timber, while the lateral beams projected out of the facade to support concrete sun-and-rain breakers, the space between providing permanent ventilation. A staircase in the entrance hall rose to a first floor gallery leading to the main bedroom and library and connected with an open roof terrace and a more enclosed inner courtyard.

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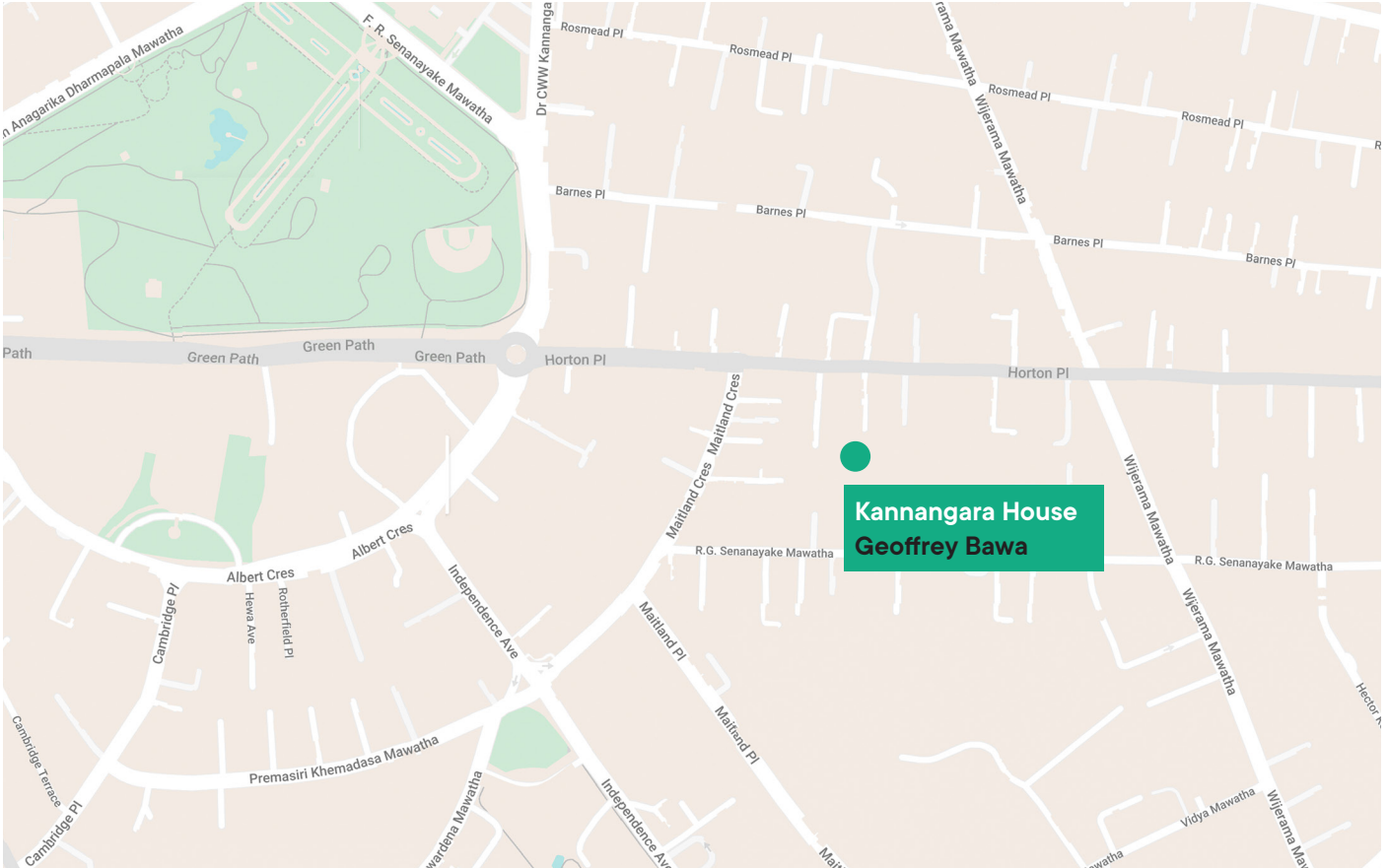
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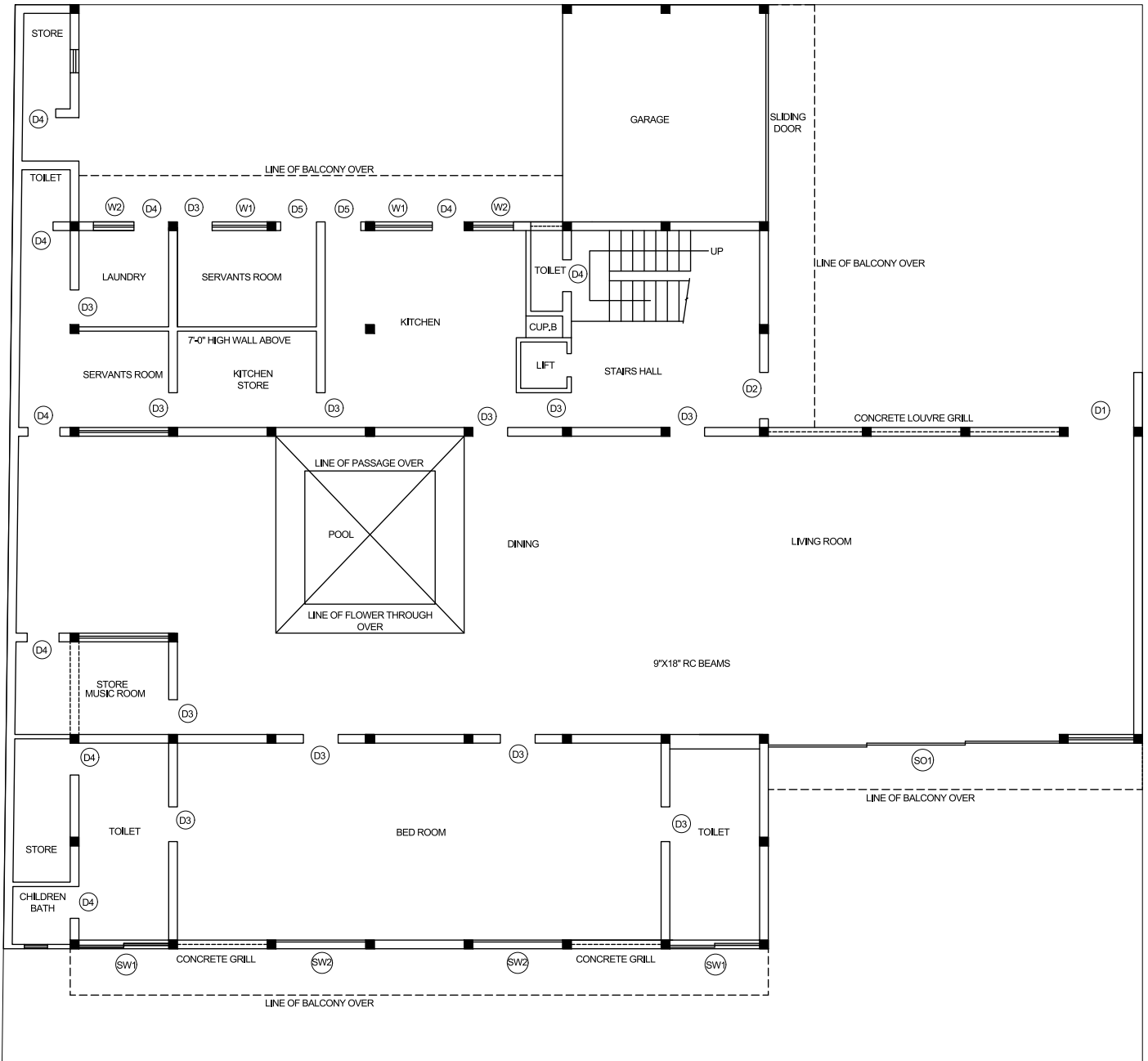
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PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR



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PLAN OF FIRST FLOOR

