



# Buildings that care

CDL celebrates its leadership in greening the built industry



CDL properties Amber Park (above) and Boulevard 88 (right) are among its award-winning projects.  
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In addition to being awarded a Quality Excellence award — Quality Champion Platinum and Construction Productivity (Advocate) Gold award at the BCA Awards 2019, global real estate company City Developments Limited (CDL) was also recognised for its development projects in the following areas.

### Green building

Recognising that sustainable features in buildings will bring cost savings, environmental gains and health benefits for building occupants, CDL's initiatives to push for greener and healthier buildings include:

- A minimum target for all new developments to be Green Mark GoldPLUS certified, two tiers above the mandatory Green Mark certification;
- An investment of two to five per cent of construction cost of new developments in green design and features;
- Factoring sustainability considerations into the entire life-cycle of CDL developments, from concept design to construction and building management;

- A commitment to achieving Green Mark certification for 80 per cent of CDL owned and/or managed buildings, by 2030.

For its efforts, it has won the BCA-HPB Green Mark Platinum for Healthier Workplaces award for its corporate office at Republic Plaza Levels 10 to 12 and 36; Green Mark Platinum awards for City House (re-certification) and Piermont Grand; and Green Mark GoldPLUS awards for private developments Amber Park, Boulevard 88, Sengkang Central and Whistler Grand.

### Tenant engagement

Beyond investing in green infrastructure, CDL works with commercial tenants to shift user mindsets and behaviour, to achieve greater environmental sustainability for its buildings. From 2014, CDL has had in place a Green Lease Partnership Programme to encourage commercial tenants to lower their carbon footprint. Since 2017, 100 per cent of tenants have pledged their commitment to go green. It received the Green Mark Pearl award for Republic Plaza.

### Construction productivity

CDL is the first developer in Asia to adopt the advanced Prefabricated, Prefinished Volumetric Construction (PPVC) technology for The Brownstone executive condominium (EC), which was completed in 2017. It is continuing its use in another project, The Tapestry.

This method yields higher productivity and enhances construction quality, while improving worksite safety and reducing man days and waste. It picked up the Construction Productivity Platinum award for The Brownstone EC and a Construction Productivity Gold award for freehold condominium New Futura.

### Universal design

Committed to making users' needs a priority in the spaces it builds, CDL instituted a company-wide Universal Design Policy in 2011. The policy exceeds mandatory requirements specified by the BCA to create an inclusive built environment in Singapore that caters to the varied needs of the public. This approach bagged Universal Design Mark GoldPLUS awards for its residential projects Coco Palms, Forest Woods, Piermont Grand and Whistler Grand.

### Construction excellence

CDL has consistently pushed for all its projects to be assessed since BCA's Construction Quality Assessment System (CONQUAS) — the industry benchmark for quality and workmanship standards of construction projects in Singapore — was introduced.

Its developments have consistently excelled under the scheme, earning it Construction Excellence awards for New Futura and The Brownstone EC, along with Construction Excellence Merit awards for D'Nest and The Venue Residences.

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