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AUSTRALIA 108'S ICONIC GOLDEN STARBURST ARRIVES ON MELBOURNE'S SKYLINE



Artist Impression of Australia 108, the highest residences in the Southern Hemisphere

Melbourne's skyline has a new – and very golden – landmark sure to become as iconic as the Eureka building, following the completion of super-tower *Australia 108*'s bold cantilevering golden Starburst.

Protruding from levels 70 and 71 of the iconic 101-level luxury residential tower, the golden Starburst is a feat of engineering that pays tribute to the Commonwealth Star on the Australian flag and delivers a new icon to Melbourne's skyline.

Architects Fender Katsalidis have designed as a sister to its earlier landmark Eureka, with the Starburst intended to complement Eureka's golden crown.

Its construction by Multiplex has taken six months and utilised new techniques developed specifically for the project, including purpose-built platforms from which builders worked to install the golden panels.

It is the first cantilevering architectural feature of its nature achieved in Australia.

David Ng, CEO of developer World Class Global, said *Australia 108* was rising rapidly and would reach its full height (topping out) early next year, with the building expected to be fully completed in mid 2020.

The skyscraper's towering lift core has reached level 101, another major milestone for Melbourne's tallest building.

"The arrival of *Australia 108*'s golden Starburst is a distinctive moment in the transformation of Melbourne's skyline for decades to come. I think many Melburnians will look back one day and struggle to remember a time when this golden star wasn't twinkling on our cityscape," Mr Ng said. "*Australia 108* has always pledged to go where no other development has gone before, not just in height, but in its daring to be different and to redefine apartment living. The Starburst is a feat of engineering and design to be celebrated and inspired by for many years."

An impressive sight from all vantage points, the Starburst will be just as impressive inside when its interiors are completed early next year.

Arrayed over two entire levels within the golden icon will be the 2800 square metres Star Club – the largest and among the most luxurious private residential facilities in Australia, offering 360-degree panoramic views, with twin infinity pools suspended 210 metres above the street below and set against floor-to-ceiling glass in a double-height space.

In addition to these pools, the Star Club also features twin state-of-the-art private gyms, a sky garden, countless entertaining spaces including private dining rooms, wine tasting nooks and lounges.

Level 70 of the Star Club is accessible to all residents, while its upper level amenities are exclusive to residents living on level 72 and above, who get special access to their own VIP pool, gym and bookable lounges, dining, theatrette and entertaining spaces.

“This style of dream-like private residential amenity has never been delivered on this scale before in Australia. It represents the most generous communal space and also offers VIPs an unforeseen level of privacy,” said Mr Ng.

The Starburst has been slowly taking shape above Southbank streets since March 2019, with Multiplex taking delivery of its first 12 tonne golden trusses in mid May 2019. In total, 24 of these 15 metres by 3.3 metres trusses make up the golden feature.

Multiplex regional managing director Graham Cottam said: “The installation of the Starburst is a key milestone in the delivery of this iconic tower, and we’re delighted to have completed it safely and to an exceptional standard of quality.

“It’s a very proud moment for the entire Multiplex team to see *Australia 108* and its Starburst now standing tall on the Melbourne skyline.”

Work on *Australia 108* started in November 2015, with its extensive ground works, including bored piles that reached 47 metres underground, taking 10 months to complete. This has created the secure foundation for the building to rise from, with solid structural walls are as thick as one to two metres throughout providing structural integrity.

Multiplex has implemented its proven quality assurance program in the delivery of *Australia 108*, with quality a key focus of the build from early design and planning to final construction on site.

Hundreds of residents have opted to move into the iconic building as part of a staged handover where they have access to lower level apartments and completed amenities, with construction works well screened and concealed by a range of sympathetic temporary works measures.

Residents have been enjoying access to the tower’s level 11 amenities including a fully equipped large gym and pool, as well as golf simulator, theatrette and dining facilities.

In the next few months, owners of the project’s premium Cloud Residences between levels 72 and 83 will begin moving into their apartments, which overlook most of Southbank’s existing towers from their lofty height, offering breathtaking views.

Ahead of the building’s completion next year, a limited range of 3-bedroom Cloud Residences have also been released for sale. The exclusive completed 1 and 2-bedroom Sky Rise Residences are ready to move into – perfect for those wanting truly private hotel-like amenity located among the clouds.

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WCG's property development projects in Australia, which have been launched, include *Australia 108*, *AVANT* and *Nova City*. The Group also holds various land parcels, comprising mainly shophouses in Penang, Malaysia.

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