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CapitaLand clinches BCA Universal Design Mark Platinum award for Ascott Orchard Singapore and Cairnhill Nine

Sets new milestone in Singapore's universal design journey with first Platinum-awarded serviced residence

Singapore, 15 May 2017 – CapitaLand's landmark integrated development at Cairnhill, comprising Ascott Orchard Singapore, a luxurious serviced residence, and Cairnhill Nine, a premium residential tower, is the only recipient of the pinnacle Universal Design (UD) Mark Platinum award by Singapore's Building and Construction Authority (BCA) this year. This also makes Ascott Orchard Singapore the first serviced residence to be awarded UD Mark Platinum.

For the third consecutive year, CapitaLand has been recognised with the most UD Mark Platinum awards among real estate developers in Singapore, sweeping five of the 11 Platinum awards given out since the UD Mark Certification Scheme was introduced in 2012. Aside from Ascott Orchard Singapore and Cairnhill Nine, three other CapitaLand properties received UD Mark awards this year. Sky Vue, a 694-unit residential development located in Bishan, received a UD Mark Gold^{PLUS}, while Capital Tower, a 52-storey Grade A office building located in the heart of Singapore's Central Business District, and Marine Blue, a 124-unit residential development located next to the upcoming Marine Parade MRT station, received UD Mark Gold. These accolades cement CapitaLand's industry leadership position for inclusive, user-centric properties.

Mr Tan Seng Chai, Group Chief Corporate Officer of CapitaLand and Chairman of the CapitaLand Sustainability Steering Committee, said: "CapitaLand continues to push the boundaries in universal design, setting yet another record in Singapore's journey to being an inclusive society. CapitaLand is the sole UD Mark Platinum award winner this year, affirming our conviction to building safe, accessible, vibrant and quality real estate developments. Providing first-in-class universal design helps future-proof our developments as society and demographics evolve, allowing us to deliver sustainable value to our stakeholders and the community. CapitaLand has committed for all its new Singapore developments to achieve at least UD Mark Gold and we will continue to set the benchmark for quality, user-centric developments that are accessible to people of all ages and abilities."

Ascott Orchard Singapore and Cairnhill Nine was lauded for innovative and forward-thinking accessibility features including the construction of a covered, step-less pedestrian walkway around the perimeter of the development. This bridges the height differences between Bideford Road and Cairnhill Road, and provides seamless, sheltered access to the lobbies of Ascott Orchard Singapore, Cairnhill Nine, as well as the attached Al-Falah Mosque. Ascott Orchard Singapore offers accessible guestrooms for wheelchair users and elderly

guests, as well as dual-key units, in which studio and two-bedroom units can be combined, to facilitate multi-generational living. Cairnhill Nine incorporates step-less entrances for easier entry with wheelchairs and prams. Features such as child-height sinks at the BBQ pits and staggered platforms at the swimming pool help make its recreational facilities friendlier for wheelchair users, the elderly and children.

More details on the accessibility and user-centric features that CapitaLand has incorporated in the award-winning developments can be found in the **Annex**. To date, CapitaLand has received a total of 22 UD Mark awards. CapitaGreen was the first standalone office development to win UD Mark Platinum award in 2016; Westgate was the first shopping mall to win the award in 2015 while d'Leedon and The Interlace were the two largest residential developments to receive this award in 2015 and 2014.

About CapitaLand Limited (www.capitaland.com)

CapitaLand is one of Asia's largest real estate companies. Headquartered and listed in Singapore, it is an owner and manager of a global portfolio worth more than S\$78 billion as at 31 March 2017, comprising integrated developments, shopping malls, serviced residences, offices, homes, real estate investment trusts (REITs) and funds. Present across more than 130 cities in over 20 countries, the Group focuses on Singapore and China as core markets, while it continues to expand in markets such as Vietnam and Indonesia.

CapitaLand's competitive advantage is its significant asset base and extensive market network. Coupled with extensive design, development and operational capabilities, the Group develops and manages high-quality real estate products and services. It also has one of the largest investment management businesses in Asia and a stable of five REITs listed in Singapore and Malaysia – CapitaLand Mall Trust, CapitaLand Commercial Trust, Ascott Residence Trust, CapitaLand Retail China Trust and CapitaLand Malaysia Mall Trust.

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Universal Design Features

Ascott Orchard Singapore and Cairnhill Nine - UD Mark Platinum

Located in the heart of Orchard Road, CapitaLand's integrated development at Cairnhill Road comprises Ascott Orchard Singapore, a 20-storey luxurious serviced residence, and Cairnhill Nine, a 30-storey premium residential tower.

The development is surrounded by a covered, step-less pedestrian walkway that bridges the height differences between Bideford Road and Cairnhill Road, allowing for seamless, sheltered access to the drop-off porches and lift lobbies of Ascott Orchard Singapore, Cairnhill Nine, as well as the Al-Falah Mosque. A step-less link-bridge provides safe pedestrian crossing between the development and the adjacent Paragon mall, and braille indicators have been incorporated at appropriate navigational points to help the visually challenged in wayfinding.

CapitaLand has incorporated innovative design features for easier maintenance of the development. For instance, the 31,570 potted plants that make up the 410-metre long green hanging garden that wraps around the development are each fitted with automated irrigation with fertigation (the use of liquid fertilisers) and specially designed to be safely maintainable from inside. Similarly, all window panels in both Ascott Orchard Singapore and Cairnhill Nine can be replaced from within the buildings, enhancing safety for maintenance workers.

Ascott Orchard Singapore offers accessible guestrooms with features that cater to the needs of wheelchair users, such as wardrobe pull-down systems that allow for easy access to and operation of clothes rails, as well as wheelchair-accessible showers with seats. These guestrooms are directly connected to the environmental deck (E-deck) to allow for seamless access to recreational facilities. Dual-key units, in which studio and two-bedroom units can be combined, provides flexibility for multi-generational living.

The E-deck of Cairnhill Nine is lined with wide, covered walkways and provides ample seating as well as recessed nooks to accommodate wheelchair users and prams. Recreational facilities are also designed to be inclusive. The playground is equipped with multi-generational fitness equipment and seats that come with extended arm bars and varying heights suitable for all ages. The swimming pool has staggered platforms with handrails that improve accessibility for wheelchair users. The BBQ pits incorporate dual height sinks for use by adults and children. Both Ascott Orchard Singapore's and Cairnhill Nine's gymnasiums are equipped with wheelchair-friendly weight machines.

CapitaLand gave special consideration to minimise disruption, enabling the AI-Falah Mosque to continue to operate during construction. The mosque now provides improved accessibility with features such as a new platform lift and accessible toilets.

Sky Vue - UD Mark GoldPLUS

Sky Vue is a 694-unit residential development in the heart of Bishan comprising two 37-storey towers. Each tower has sky terraces on the top floors allowing residents a panoramic view of the Singapore skyline. A short three-minute walk from the MRT station, Sky Vue is also close to the Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park and the popular Junction 8 mall.

Communal areas at Sky Vue incorporate various design elements to enhance accessibility for all residents – from railings at both adult and child heights to stairs with alternating coloured steps for enhanced visibility throughout the day. Car parks in both towers are differentiated by colours – grey for one block and orange for the other – so drivers can easily identify their location. Benches in the communal areas are also designed with grab bars to ease usage. Within the apartments at Sky Vue, all walk-in closets have sufficient space for wheelchair users to easily manoeuvre. Wardrobes come with 1.4-metre long door handles for ease of use by wheelchair users, children and the elderly.

Capital Tower - UD Mark Gold

A 52-storey Grade A office building, Capital Tower recently completed enhancements to its wayfinding signage and the addition of two digital directories at its main lobby. At the concierge counter, hearing-impaired visitors can now request for the Hearing Enhancement System which allows them to listen to the concierge. For visually-impaired visitors or tenants, they can rely on their guide-dogs when moving around Capital Tower. For ease of maintenance, ceiling lights at the double volume transfer lobby have also been replaced with retractable lighting fixtures so workers can change faulty lights from the ground level without the need for scaffolding. Some companies located at Capital Tower have also allocated space for nursing rooms and first aid rooms for staff, including designated 'nursing refrigerators' for mothers. In recognition of its sustainability efforts, Capital Tower was certified Green Mark Platinum in 2013, a leap from its Green Mark Gold awards received in 2005.

Marine Blue – UD Mark Gold

Marine Blue is a freehold 124-unit boutique development located along Marine Parade Road, with an upcoming Marine Parade MRT station at its doorstep. Taking into consideration the physical constraints of the site, Marine Blue integrates a modern architectural design and a holistic physical environment that addresses the needs of users from all age groups and physical abilities through well-thought design concepts. With simple rectilinear arrangement of amenities, communal spaces, facilities and blocks, the overall E-deck design provides clarity in orientation, space and way finding for residents and visitors.

All facilities and amenities on the E-deck are well-connected and easily accessible for everyone, ranging from wheelchair users, children, and elderly to nursing mothers. The nursing room offers privacy for breastfeeding and changing of diapers. For safety, a first aid room is incorporated within the gymnasium. A community garden with planter boxes of adequate knee space and height for wheelchair users is also provided at the clubhouse rooftop. For residents or visitors to interact and enjoy the lush landscaping, there are provisions such as seats of varying heights with integrated grab bars, and adjacent niches for parking of wheelchairs along the routes.