

## **News Release**

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### **CDL CHINA INVESTS RMB 900 MILLION IN A SHANGHAI COMMERCIAL PROJECT**

#### **– Strategically located in Shanghai's fast-developing Hongqiao Central Business District**

City Developments Limited's (CDL) wholly-owned subsidiary, CDL China Limited (CDL China), has entered into an equity transfer agreement to acquire a prime Shanghai commercial project for a total transaction value of RMB 900 million (approximately S\$186 million)<sup>1</sup>. The acquisition will be made through the purchase of a 100% equity stake in Shanghai Meidao Investment Co. (Shanghai Meidao). Shanghai Meidao owns the commercial development currently known as Meidao Business Plaza in Shanghai's fast-developing Hongqiao Central Business District (CBD).

Meidao Business Plaza is strategically located in Huacao, Minhang District, within the Hongqiao CBD. It is situated next to the Shanghai Hongqiao International Medical Center and is surrounded by many international schools, upcoming R&D centres and business parks. Enjoying excellent connectivity, Meidao Business Plaza is around 10 minutes' drive to the Hongqiao Transportation Hub, which includes Hongqiao International Airport and a network of railways, and 15 minutes' drive to the Shanghai National Exhibition and Convention Center.

Established by the Shanghai government in 2009 to promote the city's growth as an international trade centre, Hongqiao CBD covers an area of 86 square kilometres (sq km) and integrates the Changning, Minhang, Jiading and Qingpu districts. Its core area of 4.7 sq km is anchored by the massive Hongqiao Transportation Hub. Hongqiao CBD is one of the fastest growing business areas in Shanghai and will strengthen the connectivity between Shanghai and other key cities in the Yangtze Delta River Region as well as support the long term economic growth of the city.

Meidao Business Plaza, with total gross floor area (GFA) of approximately 32,300 square metres (sqm), is currently in its final stages of construction and is expected to be completed by 2H 2017. The development comprises five 9-storey office towers and two levels of basement carpark with about 351 lots. Meidao Business Plaza has been approved for division into strata-titled units ranging from 237 sqm to 522 sqm. A LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Award development, it also features a sky garden atop all its five office towers.

Mr Mark Yip, CEO of CDL China, said, "As part of CDL's strategic diversification strategy, China is one of our key overseas markets for growth. Since CDL China was set up in 2010, we have established our foothold in the key upper tier cities of Chongqing, Shanghai and Suzhou, with four residential and mixed-use development sites totalling over 500,000 sqm of GFA. Our residential projects in China have continued to achieve steady sales and are contributing well to CDL's profit."

"Adding to our portfolio in China, this is a rare opportunity to acquire a soon-to-be-completed commercial project in Shanghai that will further enhance our recurring income streams. It has a prime location in the Hongqiao Central Business District which has been identified for fast growth in the

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<sup>1</sup> Based on an exchange rate of RMB 4.84 to S\$1.00. This transaction value which includes equity as well as the loans, and which may be subject to further adjustment in the equity transfer agreement, was arrived at a willing buyer and willing seller basis.

Chinese Government's 12<sup>th</sup> five-year plan and is of strategic importance to Shanghai. Hongqiao Central Business District also aims to attract large private enterprises and listed multinational companies. It is estimated that more than 650,000 employees will work in the area by the end of 2020. We will continue to seek suitable investment opportunities to grow our presence in China.”

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### **About City Developments Limited**

City Developments Limited (CDL) is a Singapore-listed international real estate operating company with a global presence spanning 94 locations in 26 countries. As one of Singapore's largest companies by market capitalisation, its income-stable and geographically-diversified portfolio comprises residences, offices, hotels, serviced apartments, integrated developments and shopping malls, totalling over 18 million square feet of floor area globally.

CDL has hotel assets in one of the world's largest hotel groups – its London-listed subsidiary Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc (M&C) has more than 120 hotels globally, many in key gateway cities. In Singapore, CDL has developed over 36,000 homes and is one of Singapore's largest commercial landlords, with one of the biggest landbanks amongst Singapore private-sector developers.

Building on its track record of over 50 years in real estate development, investment and management, CDL has developed growth platforms in five key international markets – China, UK, US, Japan and Australia. The Company is also leveraging its stable of prime assets and growing its real estate funds management business. It currently has over S\$3.5 billion in funds under management.

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### **About CDL China Limited**

Established in August 2010, CDL China Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CDL, is in charge of the expansion efforts within the People's Republic of China and oversees the real estate development and investment activities there. Since its establishment, CDL China to date has acquired five prime sites totalling over 530,000 square metres of gross floor area. The sites are located in Shanghai, Suzhou and Chongqing and range from residential and commercial developments to sizable mixed-use projects.

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