

# Sky Habitat redefines urban living in Singapore The Moshe Safdie-designed development will transform lifestyle and urban landscape in Bishan

Singapore, 5 April 2012 – Featuring a dramatic architectural form of two towers interconnected by three bridging gardens, CapitaLand Residential Singapore's latest development, Sky Habitat, will redefine urban living in one of the most popular residential estates in Singapore when it is completed in 2016. It is designed by internationally-renowned architect, Moshe Safdie, who also designed the Marina Bay Sands in Singapore, the iconic Habitat 67 in Montreal, Canada, the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum, Jerusalem, Israel and the United States Institute of Peace Headquarters in Washington, D.C., among others. Sky Habitat is located on a 11,997 sqm (129,137 square feet), 99-year leasehold site at Bishan Central, a prime residential area in Singapore's Central Region, and will comprise 509 apartments across two 38-storey towers.

Located a stone's throw from retail, entertainment and recreational facilities such as Junction 8 shopping mall and the recently-rejuvenated Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park, Sky Habitat is also close to reputable local schools like Raffles Institution and Catholic High School, as well as international schools like the Australian International School and Stamford American International School. It is a 5-minute walk to the Bishan transportation hub comprising the Bishan bus interchange and Bishan MRT interchange station (North-South Line and Circle Line). Complementing the excellent connectivity is its proximity to public amenities such as the Bishan Sports Hall & Recreation Centre, Bishan Stadium, Bishan Public Library and Community Club.

Eschewing the traditional design of independent towers, Moshe Safdie's design is characterised by a dramatic stepping form, creating a three-dimensional matrix of homes, private terraces and public gardens. The design provides for lush vertical greenery, optimal orientation relative to the sun, naturally ventilated units, and generous views. Residents can enjoy the views from any of the three sky bridges (on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> floors) regardless of which floor they live on. At ground level, 65% of the site area will covered by lush gardens, outdoor event rooms, swimming pools, and walking paths where residents can spend their leisure hours.

Mr Wong Heang Fine, CEO of CapitaLand Residential Singapore said: "With Sky Habitat, we are creating a habitat for the future; a condominium that is also a house. While structurally a high-rise apartment, Sky Habitat will give residents the feeling of living in a house because of the natural ventilation, lush gardens, sky bridges and open walkways that surround them. At the same time, they will enjoy the luxurious facilities and the connectivity and convenience of living in one of the most popular residential estates in Singapore. Just like Moshe Safdie's visionary Habitat '67 project in Montreal, Canada which continues to be coveted by homebuyers after 45 years, Sky Habitat will appeal to home buyers who are seeking an iconic home with lasting value, a habitat for the future that will redefine urban living. With Sky Habitat, Bishan looks set to be a sought-after residential estate for home buyers."

The 509 apartments of Sky Habitat consist of one bedroom + study units, two-bedroom units, two-bedroom + study units, three-bedroom units, four-bedroom units and penthouses.

CapitaLand Residential Singapore acquired the site at Bishan Street 15 for S\$550.1 million through a government land sales tender in February 2011. CapitaLand Residential Singapore holds a 65% equity stake in the project while Mitsubishi Estate Asia Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Estate Co., Ltd., holds 25% equity stake and Shimizu Investment (Asia) Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shimizu Corporation holds the remaining 10% equity stake.

Temporary Occupation Permit for Sky Habitat is expected to be obtained in 2016.

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#### **About Moshe Safdie**

Moshe Safdie is an architect, urban planner, educator, theorist, and author who embraces a comprehensive and humane design philosophy. Safdie is committed to architecture that supports and enhances a project's program; that is informed by the geographic, social, and cultural elements that define a place; and that responds to human needs and aspirations. Major projects by Safdie Architects currently under construction or recently completed include Mamilla Alrov Center, a 40-acre development that runs contiguous with the Old City in Jerusalem; Marina Bay Sands, a mixed-use integrated resort in Singapore; Khalsa Heritage Memorial Complex, the national museum of the Sikh people in India; the United States Institute of Peace Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City, Missouri; Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Arkansas; and Golden Dream Bay, a residential and retail complex in Qinhuangdao, China. Many of Safdie's buildings have become beloved regional and national landmarks, including Habitat '67, Montreal, Canada; Exploration Place Science Center, Wichita, Kansas; Salt Lake City Public Library, Salt Lake City, Utah; Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Massachusetts; Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, California; the National Gallery of Canada: and Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Jerusalem. Israel.

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