

Heatherwick studio

Press Release

Heatherwick Studio reveals new residential project in Singapore

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Heatherwick Studio today unveiled designs for a new residential project in Singapore. Located in the historic Orchard Road Neighbourhood of Singapore and commissioned by Swire Properties, the 104.5 metre building - the first residential project in Asia by the studio - offers a unique response to its location that entwines nature with city apartment living.

'EDEN' is designed to resemble a spine blade: simple vertical rectilinear plains with slim windows form the blade with generous garden balconies situated in between. This approach grants privacy for each of the twenty apartments and allows for a generous central living space that forms the heart of each residence. The unconventional concrete walls are moulded with a topographical map of Singapore's terrain which has been abstracted to create a unique three-dimensional texture.

The focus on creating a garden for each apartment is a response to the disconnection between high rise apartments and the lush greenery at street level in Singapore. Responding to Lee Kuan Yew's original vision of Singapore as a 'city in a garden', the design extends the landscape of Singapore upwards through the building with a series of hanging gardens, connecting the interior living space with the outdoors, providing views of Singapore's green landscape.

"Like most global cities, Singapore's skyline is filled with angular steel and glass towers. With Swire Properties we wanted to create something distinctive that represents Singapore as a city in a garden, and recreate the verdant backyard access once ubiquitous across homes here. Instead of glass-clad edifices with token balconies, each home within 'EDEN' will have a lush garden right at the doorstep with organic and generous living spaces achieved by breaking up the traditional boxy floorplate," Thomas Heatherwick, founder of Heatherwick Studio, commented.

Adrian To, Director of Residential at Swire Properties said "We are delighted to unveil our maiden development in Singapore in such a fantastic location, and to partner with internationally acclaimed designer Thomas Heatherwick, to set a new benchmark for luxury residences in Singapore."

The studio's first project in Singapore, the Learning Hub (now known as The Hive) at Nanyang Technological University, opened in February 2015. In addition to the residential project for Swire Properties, the studio is also currently working on a new terminal for Singapore's Changi Airport with KPF.

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About Heatherwick Studio

Heatherwick Studio is a team of over 200 problem solvers dedicated to making the physical world around us better for everyone. Based out of our combined workshop and design studio in central London, we create buildings, spaces, master-plans, objects and infrastructure. Focusing on large scale projects in cities all over the world, we prioritise those with the greatest positive social impact.

Working as practical inventors with no signature style, our motivation is to design soulful and interesting places which embrace and celebrate the complexities of the real world.

The approach driving everything is to lead from human experience rather than any fixed design dogma.

The studio's multi award-winning completed projects include Vessel, a 16-storey landmark for Hudson Yards in New York; Zeitz MOCAA, the conversion of a disused grain silo into a new museum for contemporary art in South Africa; the Learning Hub at Singapore's Nanyang Technological University; and the UK Pavilion at the Shanghai World Expo 2010. The studio is currently working on approximately 30 live projects in ten countries.

Projects under construction include Pier55, in the Hudson River, New York; construction on new major headquarters for Google are also underway in both King's Cross and Silicon Valley (in collaboration with BIG). The studio is also working on the design of Changi Airport's new Terminal 5 in Singapore (with KPF) which will add an initial capacity of up to 50 million passengers per year.

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