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THE CITY'S NEW CAPITAL COMPLETES

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DUO TOWER READY FOR OCCUPATION



DUO's expansive 7-metre high lobby welcomes tenants and visitors

DUO Tower, the Grade A office component of the mixed-use DUO development, received its TOP in early December 2016, signalling its construction completion. With its 7-metre high expansive, beautifully designed office lobby offering a grand sense of arrival, it now stands ready to welcome its first tenants, among them blue-chip MNCs such as Mastercard, and Regus, as well as Golden Equator Group. They can look forward to an exceptional

work environment featuring the largest floor plate in the Bugis micro-market, panoramic city views, and easy access via Bugis MRT station at the basement level.

The Green Mark Platinum certified DUO Tower is poised to establish itself as one of Singapore's major business addresses, a premium commercial property that will set the benchmark for future developments in the area. The tower's silhouette is

already breaking the mould with a 20-metre cantilevered section that spans the 15th to 25th floors - the longest cantilevered structure in Singapore and a true engineering feat.

The DUO Residences tower is on course for completion by Q2 2017. Meanwhile, Andaz Singapore, the five-star hotel located on DUO Tower's topmost floors, is expected to open its doors to guests in the second half of the year.

Completing the development will be an exciting line-up of retail and F&B options. Pizza Express, TONO, a Peruvian restaurant by Ola Cocina del Mar, Erwin's Gastrobar, Nana's Green Tea, and Man Man, a Japanese Unagi restaurant, are just a small taste of what to look forward to in Q3 2017.

ART SERIES

SINGAPORE ART WEEK SHOWCASES DUO ARTWORKS

At this year's Singapore Art Week (SAW), which ran from 14 - 22 January 2017, art lovers and enthusiasts were invited to discover DUO's collection of on-site art installations, placed at various publicly accessible locations around the development.

Organised by the National Arts Council, SAW aims to reinforce Singapore's position as Asia's leading arts destination, and promote art appreciation among a wider audience,

reaching out to both local residents and international visitors. In recognition of DUO's contribution to the local art scene, it was an honour for its artworks to be included among the festival's diverse offering of quality art events and experiences. Three of the five commissioned artworks, collectively titled "Poetics of Convergence", have been installed to date, with the remaining two pieces to be installed.

Among the installed pieces is 'Symmetry' by Malaysian artist Grace Tan. Catching the eye of passers-by at DUO's retail podium void, 'Symmetry' evokes the magic and infinite beauty in geometric tessellations. Constructed from reflective rose-toned metal components, the spherical sculpture is a celebration of the rich cultural heritage of the site, and is inspired by the highly intricate and repetitive

patterns found in Islamic art and architecture. It also harnesses the principals of feng shui to attract qi to the development.

Grace is a multi-disciplinary artist whose works often blur the lines between design and art, having been trained in fashion design. In 2012, she was awarded the distinguished President's Design Award and, in 2013, was conferred the Young Artist Award and nominated for the President's Young Talents Award.



Grace Tan's Symmetry artwork

MARINA ONE

MARINA ONE OFFICES AND RESIDENCES NEAR COMPLETION



The Signature restaurant overlooking the Green Heart

Construction of the Marina One office and residential towers is on the final lap to completion. Tenants are expected to begin moving into Marina One Offices within the first half of 2017. Among the leading international and local companies to occupy Singapore's new landmark business address are PwC, Bank Julius Baer, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Daiwa Capital, Olam and Justco, just to name a few.

Marina One Residences is expected to complete in the second half of 2017, and owners will soon enjoy luxury living with unrivaled views, luxurious lifestyle facilities and all the privileges that come with being part of the vibrant Marina One community.

The development's retail podium is also shaping up nicely as an exciting downtown destination for retail, dining and lifestyle offerings. A preview of what's to come includes the award-winning Majestic Restaurant, which will relocate to Marina One, Nude Grill, Wolf Burger and new-to-market concepts to be unveiled soon. Set within the Green Heart, the biodiversity garden at the centre of the development boasts a lush palette of over 250 plant species, sky terraces and a waterfall will become the place to eat, meet and shop in the city.



Actual view from a 3-bedroom unit at level 4

AWARDS

MARINA ONE WINS BIG AT SEA PROPERTY AWARDS 2016



SEA Property Awards 2016 winners

In the South East Asia Property Awards (Singapore) 2016, Marina One received a slew of awards in recognition of the development's all-round excellence. Twelve of the country's most innovative developers gathered together on 24 November 2016 at Shangri-La Hotel for the glittering awards ceremony, which celebrated the developers behind the year's finest real estate developments.

Given Singapore's global reputation as a green and sustainable hub, with many local developers prioritising quality and sustainability, this year's awards included a new Special Awards category. M+S was honoured to be one of two winners chosen to receive the award of Special Recognition in Sustainable Development.

Marina One:

Winner - Best Commercial Development (Singapore)

Winner - Best Mixed-Use Development

Highly Commended - Best Green Development

Marina One Offices:

Winner - Best Office Development

Marina One Residences:

Highly Commended - Best Luxury Condo Development

M+S Pte Ltd:

Winner: Special Recognition in Sustainable Development

QUICK 5

EXPLORING OPHIR-ROCHOR

Discover some fun and interesting facts about Ophir-Rochor, one of the oldest and most history-rich districts in Singapore.

- 1 Did you know that Singapore's Ophir Road was named after Mount Ophir, the highest peak in Johor, Malaysia? It was also once a major residential area for rickshaw pullers.
- 2 Beach Road, which intersects Rochor and Ophir Roads, was one of the earliest roads developed in Singapore, appearing in an 1836 map of Singapore. It was originally a coastal road fronting the sea - hence its name.
- 3 In and around Ophir-Rochor, you'll find some of the oldest religious landmarks in Singapore, including the Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Lourdes, built in 1888, whose Neo-Gothic design is inspired by the Basilica at Lourdes, France; Masjid Abdul Gaffoor, built in 1907; and Sultan Mosque, built in 1824 - all of which have been gazetted as national monuments of Singapore.
- 4 Constructed in 1836, nearby Rochor Canal was an important waterway in early Singapore, serving as a water source for several industries and a channel for transporting goods. Today, following a four-year revitalisation project, it is a pedestrian-friendly recreational waterfront, complete with benches, community plazas and rain gardens.
- 5 Ever heard of Rochor Mee? Some say it is the original name for Hokkien Mee because the dish was first sold at Rochor Road. Yet others believe it to be a Nonya interpretation of traditional Hokkien Mee, cooked with more gravy and accompanied by sambal.

