

MEDIA RELEASE

One Central Park voted top 5 skyscraper in the world

Sydney, 22 May 2014 – One Central Park’s East tower, designed by French architecture practice, Ateliers Jean Nouvel in collaboration with Australian firm, PTW, has been voted the fifth best skyscraper in the world by Hamburg-based building and construction data company Emporis.

Voted by an “international jury of architecture experts”, nominated buildings were selected which have been completed in the last 12 months and are at least 100 metres tall, according to “aesthetic and functional design criteria”, an Emporis spokesperson said in a statement.

London’s The Shard took the top honours designed by Italian architect, Renzo Piano in collaboration with Adamson Associates.

Joint venture partners, Frasers Property and Sekisui House, completed One Central Park, which is adorned with over 1200sqm of vegetal walls, in December 2013.

Frasers Property CEO Guy Pahor said “we are delighted that One Central Park’s iconic design and exceptional construction quality is receiving global acclaim.”

The judges considered 300 high rise buildings completed in 2013 including The Shard, DC Tower 1 in Austria, Sheraton Huzhou Hot Spring Resort in Huzhou, China and the Cayan Tower in Dubai, UAE.

PTW Director, Matt Dobbs, said this is a tremendous accolade and recognition by the architectural community of world-leading design.

“One Central Park was a dream project to work on. Collaborating with the likes of world renowned architect Jean Nouvel is a once-in-a-career opportunity,” he said.

One Central Park features Nouvel’s signature – a monumental cantilever – expressed as a Sky Garden extending from level 29 of One Central Park’s taller East tower. It’s an extraordinary building: the cantilever supports a visually arresting light-reflecting heliostat system, while the largest *en masse* vertical gardens in the world – covering 1100sqm – clad the exterior facades.

The unique heliostat design feature is the first of its kind to be used in a residential context in Australia and the largest of its type in the world used in an urban environment.

Here, Ateliers Jean Nouvel describes the vision and original inspiration for the concept design of One Central Park, which Nouvel began working on in March 2008:

“One Central Park is one of the developments in Sydney where massive urban growth is already materializing. Besides addressing the quantitative problems of scale, mass and performance, Ateliers Jean Nouvel’s design for this project also contends that plant life and redirected sunshine can be used in new ways to improve the quality of high rise living.

“With the help of two unusual control technologies – hydroponics and heliostats – vegetation and daylight can become more manageable and can be extended to previously inaccessible places of the building.

“Hydroponic irrigation systems, for one, make it possible to grow a soil-less vertical veil of vegetation in planters and on walls all the way up to the tower tops. The resulting green facades trap carbon dioxide, emit oxygen and provide energy-saving shade.

*“Beyond the functional convenience, **their towering green presence is also a universal signal of life on Earth.** This knowledge that vegetation means life is so deeply engrained in human perception that parks and gardens have at all times been the most desirable places to live next to.*

The heliostats in turn track sunlight and redirect it deep down into the mass of the building and onto overshadowed parklands; they bring solar energy to places that direct sun beams can't reach. 320 glittering reflectors cantilever 42m from the East tower, bringing the concept of remote solar power plants to their inner city neighbourhood.

*“They send the clear message that this clean, renewable form of energy does exist. **The heliostats are a visual statement that anchors the building in our present time.**”*

One Central Park comprises 623 apartments in two adjoining towers linked by a recreation podium including a major new urban shopping centre, 'Central'.

World-leading design team

One Central Park's concept design and architecture has involved collaboration between Ateliers Jean Nouvel and Australian collaborating architect **PTW**, and also includes collaborations with two other esteemed French artists: Patrick Blanc and Yann Kersale.

Patrick Blanc's world famous vertical gardens are delivered in 21 various sized panels across the facades of the two towers, spanning over 1100 square metres and containing 35,000 plants and 350 different species.

A luminous lighting artwork by conceptual lighting artist **Yann Kersale**, *Sea Mirror* or *Miroir de Mer*, is expressed in 2880 coloured LED lights embedded within the heliostat's mirrored panels on One Central Park's East tower by night. *Sea Mirror* makes the latest permanent addition to Central Park's \$8 million public art collection.

Interior architecture of One Central Park's East tower – including the 38 apartments which comprise Sky at One Central Park – is by **Koichi Takada** of Koichi Takada Architects. **William Smart** of Smart Design Studio, created the interior architecture for One Central Park's West tower.

One Central Park was a commercial as well as an aesthetic success for joint venture developers Frasers Property Australia and Sekisui House Australia, with the majority of the 623 apartments sold well prior to completion. A handful of recently released two-storey



penthouse apartments – known as Sky at One Central Park – remain for sale, priced from \$2.65 million.

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The majority of Central Park is being jointly developed by Frasers Property Australia and Sekisui House Australia.

About Frasers Property Australia

Frasers Property Management Australia Pty Ltd (Frasers Property Australia) is the Australasian division of Frasers Property, the international property arm of Frasers Centrepoint Limited (FCL). Frasers Property Australia is currently planning or developing an extensive diversified portfolio of residential, commercial and retail properties. Current projects include 'Central Park' and 'Putney Hill' in Sydney, 'Queens Riverside' in East Perth and residential subdivisions in Western Australia and New Zealand.

For more information about Frasers Property Australia, visit www.frasersproperty.com.au

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The company has a current market capitalisation of approximately JPY 540,800 million (AUD\$6.76 billion) and employs over 15,000 staff. With its head office in Osaka, Japan, Sekisui House Ltd specialises in housing construction and property development.

From the company's core business of building detached homes, it expanded into the construction of medium and high-rise buildings as well as increasing its involvement in more comprehensive urban development projects such as the \$2 billion Central Park mixed-use development in the heart of Sydney. The company is also expanding into China, Singapore, USA and Russia.



Founded in 1960, Sekisui House Ltd celebrated its 50th year anniversary in 2010, with the construction of its 2 millionth home.

Sekisui House Australia Holdings Pty Limited is a fully owned subsidiary of Sekisui House Limited and was established December 2008. That company currently has projects in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, including its joint venture with Frasers Property Australia for the majority of Central Park.

For more information on Sekisui House Australia, visit www.sekisuihouse.com.au