



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **AUSTRALIA 108 ACHIEVES TALLEST RESIDENTIAL TOWER STATUS**

Australia's newest super-skyscraper – Australia 108 – is officially the tallest residential tower in the Southern Hemisphere from floor to roof, spanning a colossal 319-metres tall or 100-storesys.

Located in the inner-metropolitan Melbourne suburb of Southbank, Australia 108 has been officially 'topped out' with its roof complete and its glass façade now reaching its highest levels.

This milestone has taken five years after deep and significant piling work started in November 2015. Builder Multiplex will now complete the remaining apartment interiors as well as the building's eye-catching Starburst amenity spaces, which includes two infinity pools cantilevering 210 metres above the street. The building will be fully completed by the end of quarter three of this year.

Chief Executive at developer, World Class Global, David Ng said the topping out of Australia 108 was a hugely fulfilling moment and a special moment for Melbourne's skyline.

"Over the past five years, Australia 108 has steadily been growing on Melbourne's skyline. Now, we are immensely proud to announce the project has officially gone where none of its neighbours have been before - we have completed the structure," Mr Ng said.

"Australia 108 is already a familiar landmark and has cemented itself on Melbourne's iconic skyline as it has risen over the past five years. We are thrilled that we have been able to make a positive contribution to the city's evolving urban fabric with this project.

"We could not be prouder of our entire team and external project partners who helped us realise our dream to create a twinkling new landmark for Melbourne's amazing city skyline."

Karl Fender, founding partner of the project's architect Fender Katsalidis, said this milestone marked another extremely satisfying achievement for the firm, which also designed Australia 108's towering 88-floor predecessor, Eureka Tower.

"To finally see Australia 108 and Eureka Tower side-by-side on Melbourne's skyline is a great, albeit humbling moment for our team. The strong, visually symbiotic relationship between the two neighbouring towers has now, after Eureka's completion 15 years ago, been realised.

"The arrival of Australia 108 on Melbourne's skyline is another defining moment for our city and of course one which we are extremely proud to have contributed to."

Construction at the new Melbourne landmark has been led by Multiplex, which utilised new techniques developed specifically for the project, even creating purpose-built platforms from which builders worked safely on to install the golden panels of the Starburst that were delivered by crane during the middle of the night.

Multiplex Regional Managing Director, Graham Cottam, said the build from many metres below ground to the top had required innovation and had proceeded without any major issues.

"This is a build that has never been attempted in Australia before – the challenges in getting people and materials to such height required innovation, as did the construction of the cantilevering Starburst," he said.



“From a construction standpoint, Australia 108 is the result of a lot of careful planning and innovation and we’ll carry a lot of new techniques over onto new projects moving forward.

“It is wonderful to be able to look at Melbourne’s skyline and see the hard work of so many hundreds and hundreds of people who have worked so tirelessly in all manner of conditions to bring this icon to life.”

One consideration the build team successfully addressed prior to topping out at Australia 108 is how the structure copes with gale force winds up to 140km/h which blow in from Port Phillip Bay. To combat this, underneath level-100 of the tower has been fitted with a 300,000-litre damper tank to act as a counterbalance.

Multiplex said the tower crane at Australia 108 would come down over the coming months – a delicate operation given the height at which it is located. A special purpose recovery crane will be installed to the top of the building roof to recover the final tower crane. This recovery crane then breaks apart and is able to lift itself down from the roof to the ground.

Residents started moving into Australia 108 from 2018 as part of a staged handover of lower level apartments.

The building’s premium Cloud Residences – luxury apartments from levels 72 – are the latest residents moving into their new apartments, the majority of which are perched higher than most of Southbank’s surrounding buildings, offering panoramic 360-degree views of Melbourne.

More than three-quarters of apartments have been completed, with construction workers now focused on finishing the remaining premium Cloud Residences at the top of the building.

They will also focus on completing the amenity within the Starburst – the protruding golden structure from levels 70 and 71 which pays homage to the Commonwealth Star on the Australian flag. Here, within the 2,800 square metre Star Club, residents can enjoy infinity pools, dining rooms, gyms and lounge areas, with residents living above the Starburst enjoying their own private VIP zones and exclusive pool.

A limited selection of 3-bedroom Cloud Residences are still available for sale at Australia 108. Exclusive one and two-bedroom Sky Rise Residences up to level 67 are ready to move into – perfect for those wanting truly private hotel-like amenity located among the clouds.

A private sales gallery is located at 70 Southbank Boulevard, with private appointments available seven days a week. To make an appointment, call CBRE on 1300 888 770.

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WCG's property development projects in Australia, which have been launched, include Australia 108, AVANT and Nova City. The Group also holds various land parcels, comprising mainly shophouses in Penang, Malaysia.

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