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Sime Darby Property Continues to Raise the Bar for Sustainable Real Estate with Internationally Recognised Certifications

- Cantara Residences in Ara Damansara is one of the Top 10 developments in Selangor to receive a Gold rating by GBI under the Residential New Construction category;
- Elmina Central Park, the crown jewel of the City of Elmina township, attained ArbNet arboretum status at Level II.

ARA DAMANSARA, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023 – Sime Darby Property Berhad (“Sime Darby Property” or “Company”) continues to elevate the sustainable real estate space with two globally recognised certificates for its efforts in environmentally friendly property development.

The Company’s Cantara Residences has been awarded a Gold Rating in the Residential New Construction category by the Green Building Index (“GBI”) Accreditation Panel. GBI is Malaysia’s first comprehensive rating system that is recognised internationally and benchmarked against international standards such as the World Green Building Council (“WGBC”).

Adding to its laurel is the Elmina Central Park in City of Elmina which has also bloomed into an internationally certified arboretum as verified by the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum. The 300-acre park is now officially certified as a ‘Level II arboretum’ after surpassing the minimum requirement of 100 species of woody plants and providing a valuable service to the public through various education and awareness initiatives.

Sime Darby Property’s Group Managing Director, Dato’ Azmir Merican said these recognitions demonstrate the Company’s commitment to upholding high standards of sustainability.

“Sime Darby Property’s bold and substantial commitment to sustainability has supported our goal of being the nation’s leading property developer. We remain steadfast in our commitment to driving progressive action and being the leading voice in keeping sustainability at the core of real estate,” said Dato’ Azmir.

These accreditations add to Cantara Residences’ and the City of Elmina’s successes. Located in the distinguished township of Ara Damansara, the family-oriented Cantara Residences was bestowed with the World Silver award for the Residential Mid-Rise category at the 2023 FIABCI

World Prix d'Excellence Awards, where City of Elmina also emerged as the World Gold Winner in the Master Plan category.

“As a *Force for Good*, Sime Darby Property continuously emphasises sustainability as a hallmark in everything we do and stand for. We also work with partners who have the right expertise to safeguard and conserve the environment, starting at our own developments,” said Dato’ Azmir.

Sime Darby Property is steadfastly on track to transform from a pure-play property developer into a real estate company by 2025, with a focus on being a master developer, community builder, as well as an investment and asset manager. Led by its Purpose to be a Value Multiplier for People, Businesses, Economies, and the Planet, Sime Darby Property’s dedication also extends beyond property development, as the Company moves to foster vibrant and enduring communities that enhance lives for generations to come.

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About Sime Darby Property Berhad

Sime Darby Property is a leading property developer with 50 years of experience in building sustainable communities. With 25 active townships and developments under its belt, Sime Darby Property has a wide reach encompassing assets and operations across the country. It marked its presence in the United Kingdom as part of a Malaysian consortium that developed the iconic Battersea Power Station in Central London.

As a responsible corporate player, Sime Darby Property and its philanthropic arm, Yayasan Sime Darby (“YSD”) actively implement various social welfare initiatives to assist underprivileged communities living within and nearby its townships. A multi-award-winning property group with numerous international and local accolades, Sime Darby Property is a constituent of the MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index with MSCI ESG Rating of BBB and is rated by the Carbon Disclosure Project.

Sime Darby Property is honoured to be recognised with numerous real estate industry awards throughout the years. In 2022, the Group remains a top property developer in ‘The Edge Malaysia’s Top Property Developers Awards’, achieving the feat for the eleventh year running. The Group is also a consistent recipient of the ‘BCI Asia Awards’ for ‘Top 10 Developers (Malaysia)’ and was accorded a Platinum ranking in the Property Development category for Putra Brand Awards 2022, as well as named Top 10 in the ‘Top-of-The-Chart (RM1 billion and above)’ category under FIABCI-Malaysia and Star Media Group’s ‘Malaysia Developer Awards 2022’.

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