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## First look at Funan's Tree of Life and other design highlights

**Singapore, 21 May 2019** – Behind Funan's copper-brass coloured façade along North Bridge Road, a giant "tree" has taken root in the centre of the mall, ready to support retailers in their storytelling and shelter shoppers taking a break from their exploration. Extending from Basement 2 to Level 4, the 25-metre tall majestic Tree of Life is the design centrepiece of Funan. Visually, it is the first thing that visitors see when they step into the mall; symbolically, it functions as the source of life to enliven Funan through fostering creativity and curiosity.

Predominantly made of steel, the Tree of Life houses 20 retail pods for brands to showcase their products and crafts, and for entrepreneurs and design ateliers to conduct classes and workshops. Representing Funan's commitment to offer differentiated experiences for shoppers, it supports coredetailing by providing a platform for brands – both emerging and established – to stage their brand moments with limited period pop-up concepts.

Funan's Tree of Life is complemented by a variety of creative retailing formats and experiential offerings to keep consumers engaged throughout the day, every day. These include W!ld Rice theatre, Golden Village cineplex, TFX fitness centre, Climb Central indoor rock climbing, The Ark futsal facility, ABC Cooking Studio and farm-to-table dining at Japanese restaurant Noka in collaboration with Edible Garden City.

Mr Chris Chong, Managing Director, Retail, CapitaLand Singapore, said: "As the retail landscape undergoes disruptions, the formula for a successful mall has to evolve as well. While a decade ago a mall can succeed largely on the merit of its tenant brands, today it must be able to anchor its own community of supporters and followers. Consumers of today don't just buy products or services, they invest their time and effort in understanding brands and supporting relevant causes. Against this backdrop, Funan is CapitaLand's interpretation of the mall as a platform for meaningful and enriching exchanges beyond the transactional. Its passion-led retail model, as embodied in the Tree of Life, aims to build interactive communities clustered around passion themes covering Chic, Craft, Fit, Play, Taste and Tech."

"Funan's vision for retail reimagined is woven into its architecture. Designed as an open and inviting space, Funan welcomes consumers from all walks of life looking to expand their perspectives and engage in new activities. It brings together a wide range of passion-led experiences at a scale not seen before in Singapore's Civic District. By incorporating spaces for performance, connection, collaboration and experimentation, Funan creates an exciting environment for shoppers to explore and provides retailers with a dynamic environment to innovate within. Funan also features plenty of green spaces, rest areas and interactive corners to encourage visitors to discover and experience."

A total of 250 tonnes of composite steel – equivalent to the weight of three massive mature rain trees – were used in the construction of the Tree of Life. The structure deploys long cantilevers, which provide a clear space underneath the beam without any supporting columns or bracing. This allows visitors to see through the structure, thereby creating a sense of spaciousness. The Tree of Life is supported by three main columns, from which some intermediate supports branched out. As the floor plan differs at every level, the structure needs to be adjusted and catered to connect with every floor. This makes the planning and construction of the Tree of Life especially challenging.

#### **About Funan ([www.funan.com.sg](http://www.funan.com.sg))**

With a total gross floor area of approximately 887,000 sq ft, the Funan integrated development comprises a retail component, two office blocks and lyf Funan Singapore – the Singapore flagship of The Ascott Limited's lyf coliving serviced residence that is designed by millennials for millennials. Funan is located right in the heart of the Civic District with excellent connectivity, including a direct underpass linking to City Hall MRT interchange station. As a new paradigm for live, work and play in Singapore's city centre, Funan offers a synergistic combination of retail, office and serviced residence components that is designed to appeal to savvy consumers pursuing quality of life in a socially-conscious and creative environment.

Owned by CapitaLand Mall Trust and managed by CapitaLand, the retail and office components of Funan are slated to open in 2Q 2019. This will be followed by the opening of the serviced residence in 4Q 2019.

#### **About CapitaLand Mall Trust ([www.cmt.com.sg](http://www.cmt.com.sg))**

CMT is the first real estate investment trust (REIT) listed on Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (SGX-ST) in July 2002. CMT is also the largest retail REIT by market capitalisation, S\$8.8 billion (as at 31 March 2019) in Singapore. CMT has been affirmed an 'A2' issuer rating by Moody's Investors Service on 28 August 2018. The 'A2' issuer rating is the highest rating assigned to a Singapore REIT.

CMT owns and invests in quality income-producing assets which are used, or predominantly used, for retail purposes primarily in Singapore. As at 31 March 2019, CMT's portfolio comprised a diverse list of close to 2,800 leases with local and international retailers and achieved a committed occupancy of 98.8%. CMT's 15 quality shopping malls, which are strategically located in the suburban areas and downtown core of Singapore, comprise Tampines Mall, Junction 8, Funan, IMM Building, Plaza Singapura, Bugis Junction, JCube, Raffles City Singapore (40.0% interest), Lot One Shoppers' Mall, 90 out of 91 strata lots in Bukit Panjang Plaza, The Atrium@Orchard, Clarke Quay, Bugis+, Bedok Mall and Westgate. CMT also owns 122.7 million units in CapitaLand Retail China Trust, the first China shopping mall REIT listed on SGX-ST in December 2006.

CMT is managed by an external manager, CapitaLand Mall Trust Management Limited, which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of CapitaLand Limited, one of Asia's largest real estate companies headquartered and listed in Singapore.

**About CapitaLand Limited ([www.capitaland.com](http://www.capitaland.com))**

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CapitaLand's competitive advantage is its significant asset base and extensive market network. Coupled with strong design, development and operational capabilities, the Group develops and manages high-quality real estate products and services. It also has one of the largest investment management businesses in Asia and a stable of five REITs listed in Singapore and Malaysia – CapitaLand Mall Trust, CapitaLand Commercial Trust, Ascott Residence Trust, CapitaLand Retail China Trust and CapitaLand Malaysia Mall Trust.

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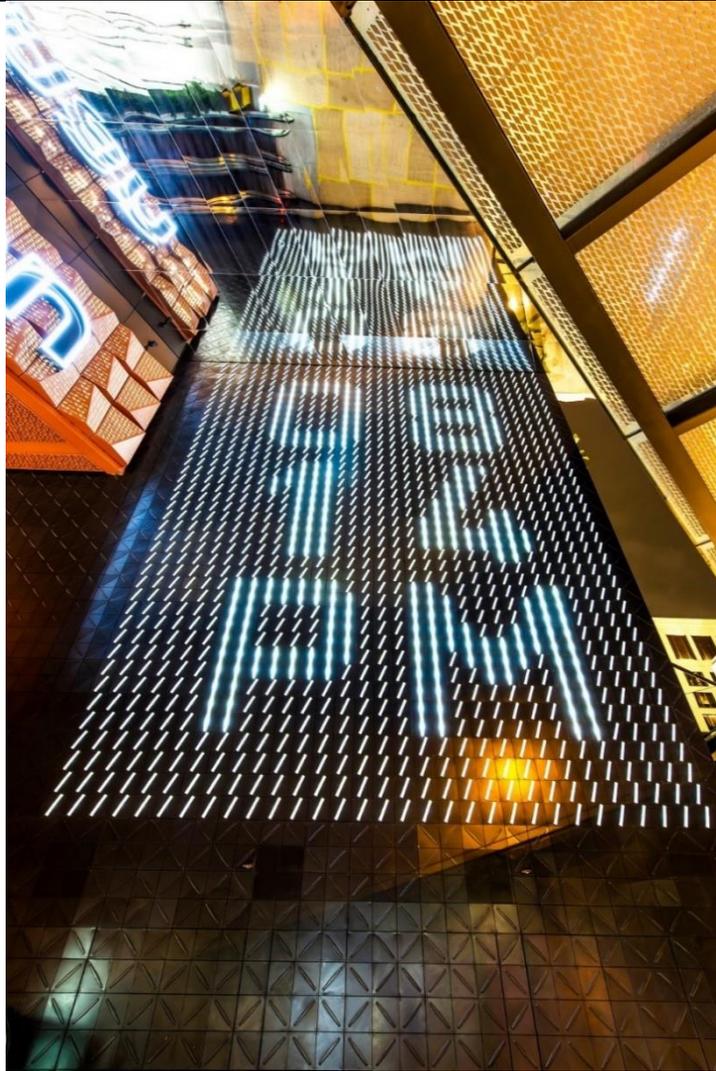
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**Photos of Funan’s Key Architecture & Design Highlights**

Highlight	Caption
Façade (facing North Bridge Road)	 <p data-bbox="360 846 1396 981">Funan’s adopts “industrial chic” in its design theme. The exterior is covered in perforated aluminum panels, which are folded to create added texture. These copper-brass coloured panels are coated with a dichroic finish, which gives off subtle hues of varying tones from different angles.</p>
Tree of Life	 <p data-bbox="360 1805 1396 2007">Predominantly made of steel, the 25-metre-tall Tree of Life offers spaces for brands to showcase their products and crafts, and for entrepreneurs and design ateliers to conduct classes and workshops. The skylight above mimics the growth conditions of a tree in Mother Nature. In a way, the display symbolises the growth and flourishing of retail talents from the creative centre of Funan towards the rest of the city.</p>

Kinetic  
Wall



The Kinetic Wall is a multimedia art installation that is a first-of-its-kind in Singapore. Comprising embossed aluminium panels that span 13 metres in height and 9 metres in width, it features a total of 1,271 motorised light blades made from specially customised moulds. Besides the standard date and time display, the Kinetic Wall can be programmed to present a variety of animated content. Best viewed from a distance of 50 metres, the visual impact of Kinetic Wall is further enhanced by the mirrored ceiling that expands the size of the art installation optically.

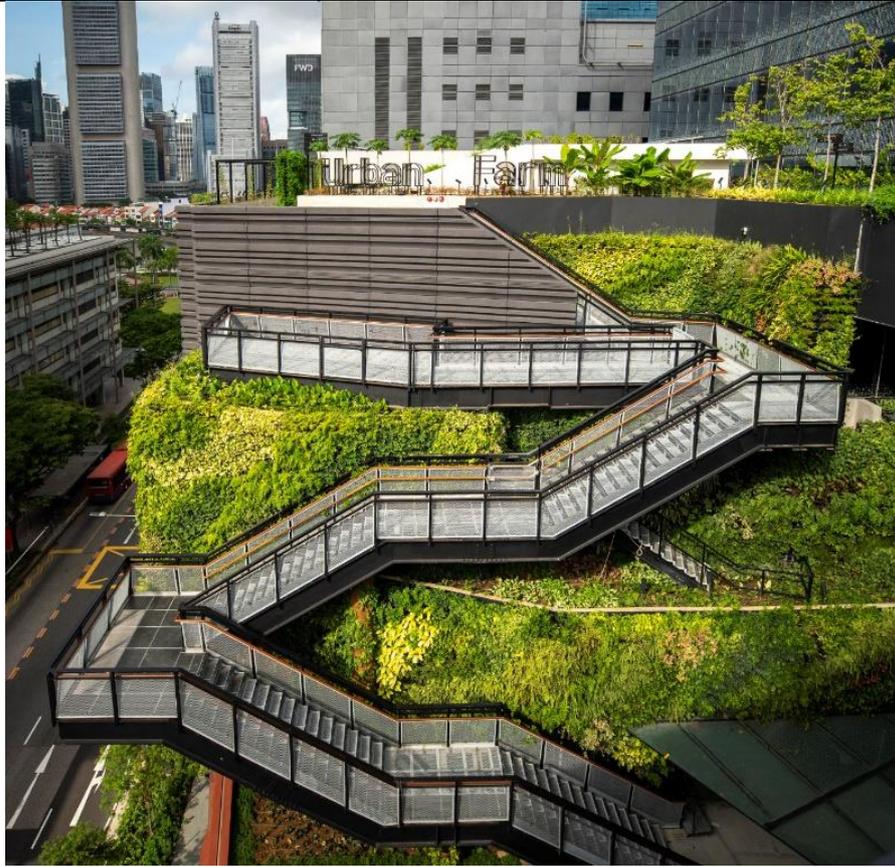
Cycling Path & Bicycle Hub



Funan's indoor cycling path runs 200 metres from the start of the trail to the Level 1 Bicycle Hub. The cycling path serves working professionals in and around Funan who cycle to office during the morning peak hours. During the mall's operating hours from 10am to 10pm, cyclists are encouraged to dismount and push their bicycles in the mall.

The Bicycle Hub houses a variety of end-to-trip amenities that include shower cabins, lockers, and a bicycle repair and pump station. There are also bicycle counters that allow cyclists to take their meals while seated on their bicycles. Funan will have 174 bicycle bays – the most among any CapitaLand property in the Civic District and CBD.

Urban  
Farm &  
Food  
Garden



Funan's Level 7 is home to a 18,000 sq ft Food Garden, where shoppers can experience a variety of edible plants through smell, touch and sight. The heart of the Food Garden is the 5,000 sq ft Urban Farm operated by Edible Garden City. One of the few urban farms in Singapore open to the public, it is designed as a production and functional space where visitors can learn how vegetables are produced and harvested.