



Singapore's First Retirement Resort-Condominium Development



The first-ever retirement resort condominium in Singapore is currently under way, tucked away in the exquisite environs of Bukit Timah. Designed primarily for spirited seniors who embrace an active, comfortable lifestyle, The Hillford will be a veritable haven in the city. It's set to have a lovely resort atmosphere, complete with a multitude of amenities and modern conveniences.

This remarkable project is an enterprise of World Class Land, a leader in residential real estate. World Class Land is an established property developer that consistently regards the needs and

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lifestyles of their clientele. Its team makes it a point to pay attention to important details that can make a huge difference in residents' way of life.

Hillford is a mixed-use development nestled in a 10,170-square meter site, parceled to contain one commercial building, six residential blocks, and two community spaces. The 60-year leasehold will be ready for occupancy by mid-November of 2017, and totally completed by the fourth quarter of 2020.

The site has a most agreeable location along Jalan Jurong Kechil in District 11. It's well-connected to the city center, but it's sufficiently secluded, providing a serene environment that will surely delight nature-lovers. The site is surrounded by several parks and nature reserves such as Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Bukit Batok Town Park, and Bukit Batok Nature Reserve. Just under 4 kilometers away is Little Guilin, one of the most popular tourist attractions in the area; it's a national park noted for its features similar to the landscape of Guilin, China.

The Hillford's commercial component will hold 18 units allocated for shops that will help turn life into a sheer joy: mini marts, beauty salons, restaurants, pharmacies, clinics, laundry services, and others. Residents won't need to go far to satisfy their needs; all their essentials will be right there.



To make things even more convenient, the commercial center will have its own car park with 18 spaces plus one handicap-accessible slot.

In addition to the commercial center, The Hillford will have a whole lot of amenities to promote social, physical, and emotional well-being. Residents can unwind in one of the gardens, or lay back in a cozy reading nook. They can even spend some quality time with their family or friends in a comfortably furnished lounge, a picnic area, the tea gazebo, or the outdoor dining pavilion.

The development has been deliberately planned to accommodate senior citizens and to provide a safe, enjoyable environment for them. There will be an elder-care center as well as other facilities for the aged. The parking areas of both the commercial and residential sectors will be handicap-accessible.

To keep their health at optimum levels, residents also have a lot of choices available to them: an indoor gym, a workout pod, a fitness station, a wellness corner, and a couple of meditation and exercise areas.



Resort-style living is of course made complete by water - a place where you can soak your stresses away. The Hillford will have a splash pool and a dip pool that come with a sun deck and a pavilion. There will also be an eco pond and a picturesque Blue Lagoon.

On top of all the brilliant features, the Hillford will have a concierge that operates 24/7 to assist the residents with whatever they need. The resort will also have a manager who will be exclusively dealing with events for the homeowners.

The multilevel residential blocks will house a total of 281 units, with 186 single-bedroom flats, 55 two-bedroom apartments, and 40 dual key suites with two-bedrooms.

Designed with energetic seniors in mind, homes at The Hillford are efficiently laid-out and reasonably priced. Each unit is intended to be a personal refuge that is both comfortable and manageable for the elderly. For instance, all switches, door levers, and taps will be affixed at a comfortable height and made easy to handle, so that even someone with a weak grip won't experience any unnecessary hassle. Electrical sockets will also be installed at an appropriate level.

Each bedroom will have lighting that can be operated from two separate switches – one by the door

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and another by the bed. Sliding doors will also be installed in every bathroom to facilitate use. To make living even safer for senior citizens, emergency alert systems are installed in every bedroom and bathroom, which allows residents to quickly notify the Concierge of any mishap.

Naturally, smart homebuyers don't only consider what's available in the condominium; they always look at the surrounding areas. Fortunately, the location has a good selection of establishments. Just within a short drive are a handful of sports centers and clubs, including the Green Fairways Golf Course. Around it are The Swiss Club, The British Club, The Cage Sports Park, The Bukit Timah Saddle Club, and the Rainforest Sports Hub.

A few blocks from the development are some places to shop at –Bukit Timah Market & Food Centre, Bukit Timah Shopping Center, Bukit Timah Plaza, and Beauty World Plaza. A little farther on but still close by are Cold Storage and Giant. For some eating adventures, there are the Bukit Timah Food Centre, The Grandstand, and Oscar's Food Mall.

Bukit Timah Road is also very near, connecting The Hillford to Clementi Road and the Pan-Island Expressway. The nearest transport hubs as of now are the Bukit Batok and Bukit Gombak MRT Stations (North-South). There's also the Clementi Station (North-South). By 2016, the second stage



of the MRT Downtown Line will be fully functional; the at Beauty World and King Albert Park Stations will be within walking distance.

The Hillford is primarily intended to be a residential resort complex for retired senior citizens, but there isn't any age limit for buyers. If you'd like to know more about this pioneering condominium, the show flat is scheduled to open on the first week of January 2014. But even before you head out to see it, you'll need to do a bit of research and [compare Singapore housing loans](#) so you could find the best way to make a purchase. Don't worry – you can avoid all the unnecessary hassle by contacting an iCompareLoan Mortgage Broker.

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