

REALTY CHECK

In the market for a new home or just want to take a look at possible properties for investment? Here's the ultra-luxe list BY MAXIM SHRESTHA

DESPITE THE PROPERTY market hitting new highs with every new development launch, the demand hasn't lagged for luxury apartments in this 17th most expensive country in the world to live in. But with multi-millions in your pocket, you shouldn't be signing that cheque for anything less than these abodes par excellence.

REFLECTIONS AT KEPPEL BAY

DEVELOPER: Keppel Group
TENURE: 99 years
TOTAL NO. OF UNITS: 1,129
AVAILABILITY: 2012
AREA: STUDIO: 732 sq.ft.
3-4 BEDROOMS: 1,109 - 2,874 sq. ft.
PENTHOUSES: 3,488 - 12,900 sq.ft.
TRANSACTION PRICE: avg \$1,900 psf

Reflections offers its homeowners the relaxation of a waterfront lifestyle while in close proximity to all the city's highlights, easily accessible via an

expressway that is within a turn out of the estate.

In keeping with the design of world renowned American architect Daniel Libeskind, famous for winning the bid to rebuild the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan, landmark apartments at Reflections will be fitted only with the best, most luxurious amenities for truly lavish living. Proximity to Sentosa's integrated resort will only increase the property's value, not to mention the recreational options for its residents.



HILLTOPS

DEVELOPER: SC Global
TENURE: Freehold
TOTAL NO. OF UNITS: 240
LAUNCH: 3rd quarter of 2007
AREA: 3-4 bedrooms: 1,600 - 3,000 sq. ft.
PENTHOUSE: 11,000 sq. ft with exclusive private lift
TRANSACTION PRICE: Expected \$3,000 psf

You want location, you have location at Hilltops, which can claim one of the most famous shopping districts, Orchard, in its own backyard. Located at the tip of Cairnhill in central downtown Singapore, this gleaming estate is made up of towers of statement-making skyscrapers.

The lust-worthy penthouse apartments occupy a sprawling 11,000 square feet, and each commands views from 131m above sea level.

The highlight of this residence, apart from the full cachet of facilities and the private lifts, has got to be the private spa and resort style steam room in every unit. This, of course, makes it so much easier to relax once you're far from the madding shopping crowds of Orchard Road.

Hilltops means you own a home in a prestigious residential enclave that also captures a full resort experience – nothing else says urban retreat like this prestigious development.



PARADISE ISLAND AT SENTOSA COVE

DEVELOPER: Ho Bee Homes
TENURE: 99 years
TOTAL NO. OF VILLAS: 29
AVAILABILITY: 2010
AREA: LAND: 7,369 sq. ft - 14,980 sq. ft
BUILT UP: 8,865 sq. ft - 16,925 sq. ft
TRANSACTION PRICE: Average \$1,100 psf

Paradise is found. There is possibly no more prestigious address than this around the whole island.

Besides, haven't you always wanted to live in a tropical villa all year round? The 20-odd waterfront villas on Paradise Island at Sentosa Cove each come with private docking berths, a jacuzzi attached to a swimming pool, two kitchens, a private library, and three floors of space.

But that's just the tip of the icing on this luxurious cake. In a city like Singapore, where there is a premium on space, having a designated room for golf clubs and one as a boat store is the ultimate symbol of status.

Naturally, only the best fittings will complement the aesthetically pleasing design of the entire home. Innovative storage solutions are incorporated in many areas, giving people absolute freedom of space. Paradise Island definitely does justice to its name.

THE MARQ

DEVELOPER: SC Global
TENURE: Freehold
TOTAL NO. OF UNITS: 66
LAUNCH: 2nd quarter 2007
AREA: 4,800 sq. ft. - 11,000 sq. ft.
TRANSACTION PRICE: Expected \$3,000 psf

Joining the ranks of the finest homes along the magic axis of Scotts and Orchard is The Marq on Paterson Hill. If you want space, you'll find it here in abundance. The smallest unit is 4,800 square feet – the equivalent of a good-sized house re-fitted as a city apartment. The living, dining and kitchen areas have ceilings up to seven metres high and from the windows, residents will be able to gaze at the entire Orchard Road skyline. Let's not even talk about the most luxurious of fittings and design elements. Despite the commotion and turbulence of Orchard area, living is easy when you lie in your private 15-metre lap pool that comes with every unit. ☛

