

# **Forest City**

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Address 1 - street : 86000 JOHOR, Other countries

Population : 700 000 hab Number of jobs : 220 000 jobs Starting year of the project : 2013 Delivery year of the project : 2017 Key words : green smart new city



Certifications :

# ID CARD

The Forest City Project is a comprehensive green smart new city project that combines high-end industries and infrastructure. Since the start of the project at the end of 2013, the Forest City has established a preliminary scale of the new city and has brought huge boosting effects to the economic and social development of Johor, Malaysia.

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In September 2015, Forest City received the report on the environmental assessment issued by the Ministry of Environment of Malaysia (DEIA) and met each and every one of the 81 requirements in the environmental assessment report. In the subsequent development process, the Forest City set up a water quality environmental monitoring system in the surrounding waters, and monitors environmental changes 24 hours a day to ensure that the water quality meets the environmental assessment requirements.

In addition, the green design and architectural concept of the Forest City has been widely recognized and received various international awards, including: Architectural Landscape Design Excellence Award by the Boston Society of Landscape Architects, and won the Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements Awards on Planning and Design award, MIPIM Asia the "BEST FUTURA MEGA PROJECT" Award and LEED-CS Gold Pre-Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council; in 2017, the Building Industrialization Base won the Global Green Building Industrialization Park Award from the UN-HABITAT Award for Sustainable Urban and Human Settlements, and the Forest City Island and International Schools were awarded the Gold Award by GreenRE. On August 29, 2018, Iskandar Sergeant Noor Hashim Bin Mohammd visited the Forest City and awarded the Forest City the title of "Best Safe City".

## Programme

• Others

# **Project progress**

- Delivery phase
- Operational phase

# Key points

- Economic development
- Smart city
- Resources
- Energy /Climate

## Approaches used

• Others

## Certifications

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## Data reliability

Self-declared

## Photo credit

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# TERRITORY

# Type of territory

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## Climate zone

[Af] Tropical Wet. No dry season.

## Land price

Land price : 2 989 €/m<sup>2</sup>

## **KEY FIGURES**

#### Public spaces area

Public spaces area : 440 000 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Office floor area

Office floor area : 53 000 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Commercial floor area

Commercial floor area : 98 615 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Public facilities floor area

Public facilities floor area : 440 000 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Housing floor area

Housing floor area : 3 304 206 m<sup>2</sup>

## Number of residential units

Number of residential units : 25 644

#### Number of social housing units

Number of social housing units : 300

#### Total investment costs (before tax)

Total investment costs (before tax) : 2 147 483 647 € HT

## GOVERNANCE

#### **Project holder**

Name : Country Garden Pacificview Sdn Bhd (CGPV)

Type : Private company

#### General description :

Country Garden Pacific View Co., Ltd. is the total developer of Forest City, which is jointly owned by Country Garden Group and Johor People's Group. Country Garden Group is mainly responsible for investment in forest cities, project construction and project operation management. The Johor People's Group is mainly responsible for the development of newspaper construction, media public relations and government public relations. Since its official launch in 2013, forest cities have begun to take shape. Up to now, the reclamation area of the Forest City has reached 3 square kilometers, and the main commercial facilities such as Haibeibei Exhibition Hall, Commercial Street, Phoenix Hotel, Golf Hotel, Meizhao Health Inspection Center and golf course have been officially operated; It has been officially put into operation, and the annual production is expected to reach 1 million square meters of construction area; the international school has officially started in September 2018; the landmark building is under construction, and is expected to be officially completed in 2020. It will be mainly used in the technology enterprise office after completion.

## **Project management**

Description: The Forest City Project was jointly developed and constructed by the Country Garden Group and the Johor People's Group. The two sides have clear division of labor and cooperate with each other. Country Garden Group is mainly responsible for investment in forest cities, project construction and project operation management. The joint Johor People's Group is mainly responsible for the development of newspaper construction, media affairs and government affairs.

The project is planned by Sasaki Associates, the world's top urban planning company. The vertical green wall, sky garden and roof garden system are planned to form a multi-dimensional three-dimensional greening system, which has the functions of purifying air, conserving rainwater and reducing noise.

The Forest City is positioned as a city-integrated urban development project. At the beginning of development, it cooperated with McKinsey, an internationally renowned management consulting company, to determine the planning and orientation of the production city, planning and developing cultural and creative tourism, medical care, education and training, headquarters, offshore finance, emerging technology, and e-commerce base. And eight industries of green wisdom. In the education industry, the Guardian St. Mary's Forest City International School, the only overseas branch of the Guardian St. Mary's School in the United States, officially opened on August 23, 2018; the Medical Center has settled in the medical industry, and the commercial street is closer. 50 businesses opened, attracting nearly 230,000 visitors throughout the year to visit Johor Bahru, which greatly promoted the development of the local tourism, hospitality, retail and catering industries.

## Project stakeholders

Country Garden Group (Country Garden Pacificview Sdn. Bhd)

#### Function : Developer

The Forest City Project is located in the Iskandar Special Economic Zone in Johor, Malaysia. The overall planning covers an area of over 30 square kilometers and is planned to be built for 20-30 years. The project was implemented by Country Garden Group and the Malaysian state-owned Johor People's Group (EDSB), a joint venture established in Malaysia and a Chinese-owned independent legal entity, Country Garden Pacific View Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Pacific View").

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## QUALITY OF LIFE

## Quality of life / density

The construction of smart cities in forest cities focuses on the construction of energy conservation, environmental protection, residential life, and other fields.

• Energy conservation and environmental protection: the introduction of building intelligent system, combined with the area, wall, height, use, ventilation mode, cold machine selection, operation status, intelligence degree and other factors of each building, debugging system equipment and optimizing operation strategy. To maintain the building's optimal energy consumption and reduce system energy consumption.

• the owner's life is more convenient: Forest City adheres to the development concept of "lighting life with technology and serving the city with wisdom", relying on the intelligent equipment of the community and the forest life APP to make the owner's life more convenient and more comfortable. Intelligent access control based on license plate recognition, face recognition and fingerprint recognition;

- Automatic call with linkage control and ladder control;
- Three-dimensional security system throughout the island;
- Efficient and convenient smart home products;
- APP-based property repair, online payment, home control, surrounding malls, community services, travel services

#### Culture and heritage

In order to build an environment-friendly society, the Forest City practices the concept of sustainable development during the project construction process.

1. In order to protect the environment around the Forest City, a silt barrier is installed in the waters directly adjacent to the Forest City during the construction activities to prevent the sediment from causing damage to the surrounding environment.

2. Collaborate with Malaysia's top seaweed research team, University of Putra Malaysia (UPM) to foster the Forest City Seagrass Conservation Area.

3. Create a mangrove protection base and carry out mangrove ecotourism.

4. In order to build a green ecological recycling system, the Forest City will build a wetland park, purify the water, and collect rainwater for recycling (such as plant irrigation and flushing).

## Social diversity

As an international industrial-city integration project, Forest City welcomes talents from all over the world to work in the Forest City with an open attitude.

- 1. Open Malaysian language and cultural training courses for foreign employees to better promote the integration of foreign employees into local culture
- 2. Arrange Chinese and English courses for local staff to improve communication efficiency between employees in different cultural backgrounds

3. Regularly hold networking activities among employees to promote exchanges between employees of different cultural backgrounds

## Social inclusion and safety

Forest City is committed to developing full-scale smart city system. With its smart city facilities, Forest City will establish high-efficient security system. In addition, Forest City is launching culture and language training program to help foreign staff and residence to adapt to Malaysian culture.

- Establish central surveillance system to inspect potential security risk
- Establish digital fencing to deter duty free goods smuggling
- Launch culture and language training program to help foreign staff and residence to adapt to Malaysian culture.

## Ambient air quality and health

The scientific research results show that construction dust is an important source of urban particulate matter emissions, and with the acceleration of urbanization and the continuous expansion of urban construction, the contribution of construction dust and air pollution will become more and more important.

The construction of prefabricated buildings in forest urban buildings avoids the generation of dust and PM 10 and other atmospheric pollutants generated by onsite cement pouring construction. Prefabricated parts are produced in the forestry city industrialization base, which can effectively control the emission of dust and The use of prefabricated technology to replace on-site construction not only reduces air pollution, but also reduces the amount of mechanical equipment used in the field and its cumulative noise impact.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### Local development

At the beginning of the development of the Forest City, it cooperated with McKinsey, an internationally renowned management consulting company, to formulate a planning orientation for the integration of production and city, and clearly plan and develop tourism exhibitions, medical care, education and training, green and smart, foreign enterprise resident, nearshore finance, and electricity. Business base and eight major industries of emerging technology. The Forest City will also gradually realize the implementation of the eight major industries under the premise of the Malaysian policy permit, and it is expected to create a total of RM200 billion in GDP for Malaysia during the development period.

Up to now, the total investment of Forest City is about 13 billion MYR (2,76 billion euros), the total tax payment is about RM43 million (9,1 million euros), the total contract with local suppliers has exceeded RM1.6 billion (340 million euros), and the government has paid other fees totaling RM113 million (24 million euros). City employees also paid a personal income tax of more than RM500 million (105 million euros).

Forest City vigorously develops advanced green industry and draws on Singapore's mature architectural industrial design and construction experience. Together with Germany Aibawei Company and Italian Continental Company, it has landed the largest industrial base with the largest production capacity and production technology and equipment in Asia. The base is a comprehensive and modern building product production base integrating architectural design, prefabricated production, logistics and transportation, parts processing, assembly and construction, and scientific research and development. The total area is about 1.69 million square meters.

The current investment base of the industrialization base exceeds RM 730 million (155 million euros). The first phase of the prefabricated plant has been put into operation in 2017, with an annual production capacity of 260,000 cubic meters of building materials, equivalent to 1 million square meters of building area required components. It has the largest capacity in Asia and offers more than 300 jobs (90% are local skilled workers). The building industrialization base has a complete range of prefabricated components. There are about 13 types of components, and advanced production technologies from Germany, Italy, Japan and China are introduced. Compared with the cast-in-place process, the environmental protection effect, building quality and production capacity have been significantly improved, and the original 10- to 15-day/layer construction period has been significantly shortened to 5-6 days/layer. In the next five years, the base will also land five prefabricated factories covering a total area of 365,000 square meters and an annual design capacity of 1 million cubic meters. And there will be a group of enterprises such as intelligent manufacturing to land base, and strive to achieve the full industrial chain coverage of assembly and assembly decoration.

#### % of public spaces

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#### Circular economy

Forest City is committed to developing environmental friendly society and establish integrated cyclic development system.

- · Invest sewage treatment plant to reduce waste of water resources and realize cyclic utilization of water resources
- · Develop wetland park to purify the grey water as well as collect rain water and storm water
- Transplant trees from construction site to Forest City to restore eco-system
- · Work with UPM to build up sea grass protection area
- Establish multi-layer transportation system to separate traffic flow from pedestrian path. Highway network and parking space is underground and there is no cars on the gorund

Build up vertical greening wall, sky garden and roof garden system to reduce emission of CO2 and realize sustainable development.

#### TRANSPORT

## Mobility strategy

In order to meet the growing travel needs of Forest City owners, tourists and residents, the Forest City has a strategic partnership with Grab Taxi. Grab Taxi provides exclusive taxi code for forest cities, enriching the way travellers, tourists and owners travel. Founded in 2012, Grab Taxi is the largest online taxi platform in Southeast Asia.

The Forest City also joins the travel charter company to provide the Shuttle MPV ring service. The 365-day seamless connection to "Forest City-Johor Bahru-Singapore" not only allows you to enjoy the whole city, commute and go out, and enjoy more comfort. Heart transportation support service. Lexiang Travel Charter is one of the largest travel charter app operators in Malaysia. It specializes in MPV shuttle service. It has 1000 commanders (drivers and tour guides), covers Malaysia and Singapore, and provides Chinese and English services.

In addition, the Internet of Things technology company GOCAR landed in the Forest City, people can complete the reservation and return of the vehicle through the simple operation of the mobile phone APP, and meet the various travel needs through the green travel mode shared by the car.

## Smart City strategy

The newly applied technology makes the building no longer cold reinforced concrete, but the wisdom body which can automatically adjust according to the environment, and coexistence in harmony with the human life. Committed in creating outstanding smart building solutions, Forest City integrate new technology into BIA which including BIM platform, IOT Sensing Platform and AI city Application.

Building information modelling Implementation (BIM) plays a key role in the design quality improvement, sustainable construction and facility & asset management (FM/AM) for the Forest City development. Through the virtual 3D building model creation, BIM can detect its original 2D drawings' pitfalls which lead to onsite rework and thus generate a great deal of waste and extra cost. In the meantime, the BIM model keeps track of the constructed project to ensure all design changes can be checked before they are applied for the project delivery so as to minimize errors and rework on site.

IOT Sensing Platform includes Smart meters, Building Monitoring and Green Wall. Smart sensors that are installed throughout the city in buildings such as meters installed in homes allow energy usage to be monitored remotely and for supply to be controlled remotely, which leads to cost savings over manual meter reading and switching. Consumers benefit from real-time energy monitoring. As data produced by sensors aggregated and presented through in-home display devices, it enables people to identify activities and appliances that use the most energy, and to modify their behavior in response to these data analyses. Building Monitoring, also called Building Energy Management is the monitoring of indoor environment in a building by various sensors. Environmental sensors of BEMS are temperature sensor, humidity sensor, illuminance sensor, motion sensor, carbon dioxide sensor, etc. It monitors the energy consuming equipment such as HVAC, heater, lighting to save energy and reduce operating cost. Green Wall is a one of the highlights in Forest City which is famous with vertical planting on the building walls. Forest City has invested to set up an automatic irrigation system which will supply the plants with the ideal amount of water. These automations are being monitored online via network. The integration of vegetation on buildings by vertical greening allows a significant improvement of the building's efficiency, ecology and environmental benefits.

Al city Application are ubiquitous here. Based on the Al tech, the building can perform face recognition, license plate recognition, fingerprint recognition etc. The Al city application help to create a security shield to ensure the safety of the community. Also, Forest City has its designated intelligent robot "Sensen" for urban management and public services, to provide residents with consulting, guidance, entertainment interaction and other intelligent experience.

#### RESOURCES

#### Water management

#### 1. Water Reuse System

In Malaysia, the majority of biological treatment processes using traditional activated sludge. The upgraded processes of the activated sludge method, such as Sequential Batch Activated Sludge Process System (SBR) and Extended Aeration Activated Sludge System (EA), but these processes have different disadvantages. In Malaysia, the SBR system is considered to be a relatively stable, economical and effective traditional process with sufficient management experience. However, the SBR system has the disadvantage of a long hydraulic retention time (HRT) (usually about 18h), which usually takes up more space and the sewage treatment efficiency is low. In addition, the sludge output is too high to be discharged continuously, which affects the efficiency of the tertiary treatment.

The sewage stations that have been constructed in Forest City use different biological treatment processes, such as the combined process of BioAX and MBS or the combined process of IFAS and MBBR. The sewage effluent standard meets standard specifically applied by Forest City to SPAN(The National Water Services Commission). Currently, Forest City has completed the construction of 4 sewage treatment plans/stations(STP1, STP2, STP3 and STP4).

In Forest City, the international advanced biological treatment technology (BioAX and MBS combined process) is used in conjunction with the natural advanced treatment of artificial wetlands to decompose organic matter in the water and discharge after disinfection. In principle, all the water is returned to the reclaimed water storage tank in the reclaimed water pump room, and the excess reclaimed water enters the drainage system for storage. The treated effluent has a decent quality with low sludge output. The system contributing to a higher spatial efficiency and a lower maintenance costs.

The entire system fully collects rainwater and reuses wastewater, which is used as new water resources for residential garden irrigation and public green space irrigation, which not only protects the water environment, but also saves valuable fresh water resources and reduces cost of irrigation. The ecological wetland system used in the sewage ecological treatment system has become the landscape and ecological island of the community. It is surrounded by drainage system and shaded by trees. It is an ideal habitat for birds and fishes and has a beautiful ecological environment.

BioAX and MBS combined process is an improved attached growth biological treatment process, including fixed carrier biofilm treatment technology and fluidized bed biofilm treatment process with fixed nitrifying bacteria carrier to efficiently remove ammonia nitrogen and total nitrogen in water.

#### 2. Reduce water waste

By implementing the industrialized construction system (prefab) of buildings, the water used in the construction process is greatly reduced. Compared with the traditional cast-in-place method, the assembly building process can save about 50% of water.

#### Soil management

In order to protect biodiversity, regulate runoff, improve water quality, regulate microclimate, and provide tourism resources, Forest City has built Wetland Park on the island, covering an area of 31,000 square meters.

## Waste management

The Forest City implements unified garbage collection and collection measures within the project. The community property ensures that all domestic wastes are discarded and stored at designated locations, and employs a professional garbage disposal and recycling company to carry out unified transportation and recycling of waste generated within the project. use. For construction waste, the Forest City requires construction contractors to strictly abide by local laws and regulations, and to uniformly handle, transport and recycle construction waste.

## BIODIVERSITY

## Biodiversity and natural areas

Wetlands are areas where water covers the soil, or is present either at or near the surface of the soil all year or for varying periods of time during the year, including during the growing season.

Wetland supports a variety of ecosystem types, like ponds, marshes, swamps and bogs. They improve the quality of the environment through various ecological functions, including, conservation of biodiversity, regulation of runoff, improvement of water quality, regulation of microclimate, provision of food and industrial raw materials, and provision of tourism resources. Noticing the merits of wetland to the natural environment, the Forest City built a wetland park on the island, covering an area of 31,000 square meters.

In addition, Forest City has partnered with Malaysia's top seaweed research team, the University of Putra Malaysia (UPM), to develop a Forest City seagrass reserve.

The Forest City also funded the local environmental organization Kelab Alami. With the help of the Forest City, Kelab Alami has launched several environmental protection projects, including residents' environmental awareness enhancement activities and seagrass conservation activities.

## ENERGY/CLIMATE

#### Climate adaptation, resources conservation, GHG emissions

1. Vertical greening: All buildings in the Forest City are covered with vertical greening, and the balconies are covered with plants, which greatly increases the area covered by plants. The transpiration and shading effect of the foliage of the plant can alleviate the direct sunlight to the building, so that the temperature of the wall of the building in the Forest City which is located at a higher temperature in the vicinity of the equator is reduced, thereby reducing the use and energy consumption of the air conditioner.

#### 2. Industrialization of buildings (prefabricated buildings)

Construction of prefabricated buildings in forest urban buildings. To this end, the Forest City has also built a construction industrialization base with the largest footprint and production capacity and the most advanced production technology and equipment in Asia. The first phase of the base has been officially put into operation, and the annual output can reach 1 million square meters of construction area. Through prefabrication, the energy consumption and water consumption per unit of building are greatly reduced. Compared with the traditional cast-in-place method, the prefabricated building can significantly reduce the maintenance cost of later use, saving about 50% of water, reducing the amount of mortar by about 60%, saving about 80% of wood, reducing construction energy consumption by about 20%, and reducing construction waste. 70%.

3. Green Building Certification

Green Building LEED-CS Gold Pre-certification issued by US Green Building Council (USGBC)

## Energy sobriety

Industrialization of buildings (prefabricated buildings)

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#### Contest

## Reasons for participating in the competition(s)





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