



No. 1 in the world: Sydney design trounces 87 others

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The residential building that put Chippendale on the global map has been named Best Tall Building in the World.

After winning Best Tall Building in Asia and Australasia in June, One Central Park went on to trounce 87 entries from around the globe in a competition facilitated by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat in Chicago last week.

The building, developed by joint venture partners Frasers Property Australia and Sekisui House Australia, comprises two towers housing 623 apartments linked by a podium that incorporates retail premises and recreation areas.

Central Park's development director, Mark Caddey said the award has placed One Central Park in an elite collection of the world's best new buildings. "It is one of the greatest accolades a building can receive on a global level in terms of design integrity," said Caddey.

It was completed last December and all apartments have sold barring a small selection of two-storey penthouses in Sky at One Central Park priced from \$2.65 million.

Designed by Ateliers Jean Nouvel in collaboration with Australian architects, PTW Architects, One Central Park has captured the interest of

Sydneyers, particularly its cantilevered, light-reflecting heliostat which has become a landmark for central Sydney.

The project has also drawn international attention for its vertical garden, the largest of its kind in the world. The work of artist and botanist, Patrick Blanc, the garden features 35,000 irrigated plants which cascade down 1100 square metres of the buildings' exterior.

Architect Jean Nouvel said the award was a tremendous honour. "This is a remarkable achievement for the entire design and project management team," said Nouvel.

Executive director of the CTBUH and a juror in the competition, Antony Wood said, "Seeing this project for the first time stopped me dead. There have been major advances in the incorporation of greenery in high-rise buildings over the past few years - but nothing on the scale of this building has been attempted or achieved."

This latest award will crowd One Central Park's heaving trophy shelf. Some of its other awards include The International Green Infrastructure award, the Landscape Design award at the Sydney Design awards, the LEAF Sustainability award and the UDIA award for Design & Innovation and Development of the Year.



Best tall building: The podium, heliostat and towers of One Central Park at night. Left: The world's largest vertical gardens.