#### **REPORTING PERIOD & SCOPE**

This sustainability statement is prepared with reference to Bursa Malaysia Sustainability Reporting Guide (2nd Edition) which sets out the sustainability-related disclosure obligations prescribed in the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and reporting framework recommendations.

The sustainability statement contains the Group's sustainability approach and performance data for our identified Environment, Social and Governance/Economic material matters for the reporting period of 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Information and figures reported represent the latest available data as of the reporting period unless noted in the text.

The scope of the sustainability statement covers all of SDB's property businesses including property development, property management and hospitality.

#### **ASSURANCE**

This sustainability statement has been reviewed by our Managing Director and presented to SDB's Board of Directors.



#### INTRODUCTION

As a leading boutique property developer, Selangor Dredging Berhad ("SDB" or 'the Group') acknowledges and recognises the importance of sustainability as a critical enabler for our long-term growth. In line with the global sustainability agenda, we are determined to contribute to the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals** ("UNSDG"). Since 2019, we have adopted five Sustainable Development Goals that are most relevant to our businesses. Going forward, we strive to integrate more of these Global Goals into our long-term sustainability journey here at SDB.

# SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT



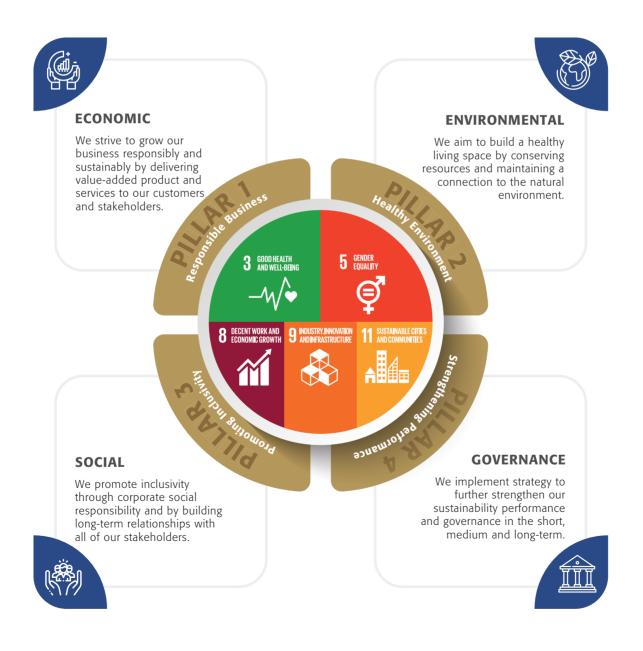
Our sustainability tenets and commitments are aligned with our Brand Promise of "**Driving Excellence, Building Lifelong Relationships**", and guided by the Group's Core Values; which are **Passionate, Innovative, Results-Oriented** and **Caring & Respectful**.

In line with the enhanced sustainability reporting framework as outlined by Bursa Malaysia, we have also identified and adopted the economic, environmental, social as well as the governance dimensions of sustainability into our business operations. In 2023, we formally incorporated our Sustainability Framework as part of the Group's strategy. The framework has been adopted by SDB's Board of Directors, thus reaffirming our position and commitment to drive our sustainability agenda at the highest level of SDB's leadership.

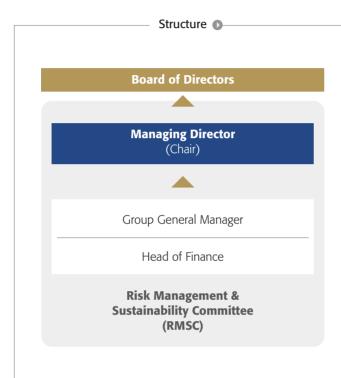
#### **OUR SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS AREAS**

SDB adopts a holistic approach to business management by upholding the Economic, Environmental and Social ("EES") pillars of sustainability. At the same time, we also enhance our Sustainability Governance to help the Group to implement strategy, manage goal-setting and reporting, ensure accountability as well as strengthen relationships with our stakeholders.

The UNSDG goals 3, 5, 8, 9 and 11 ensure that we take care of the well-being of our homebuyers and tenants, practise equality and diversity at our workplace, create jobs and contribute to economic growth as well as build quality and premium homes through innovative, practical and resilient building designs.



#### **OUR SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE**



#### **Function**

Having established a Risk Management & Sustainability Committee ("RMSC") in 2019, the core responsibilities of the RMSC are:

- To implement the sustainability strategies within the parameters of the Group's risk appetite and approved by the Board;
- ii. To oversee stakeholder engagement, to ensure that all issues and suggestions raised are taken into consideration in managing sustainability;
- iii. To manage the Common Material Sustainability Matters for SDB, recommending strategies, setting policies, goals and targets;
- iv. To coordinate and monitor the implementation of sustainability initiatives; and
- v. To oversee the preparation of Sustainability Report / Statement and reporting it to SDB's Board for approval.

#### Governance

Within SDB's Sustainability Framework, the Board of Directors holds the ultimate responsibility for the strategic direction, management, general affairs and long-term success of the Group. In addition, the Board also has oversight of SDB's material sustainability issues.

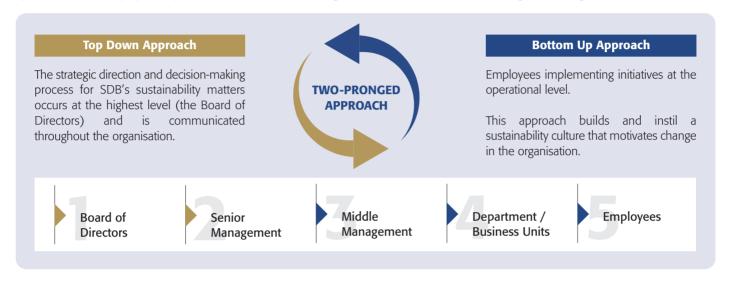
The Risk Management & Sustainability Committee ("RMSC") was set up to ensure that the Group's sustainability agenda, commitments and issues are effectively discussed, approved and implemented. The RMSC is chaired by the Managing Director and its other members comprises the Group General Manager and the Head of Finance.

RMSC meetings are held two times per year, and the committee will report to the Board of Directors on the findings and recommendations of the RMSC for the year under review.

Sustainability functions across the business operations are assisted by an appointed Sustainability Officer and all Heads of Departments to ensure sustainable practices are fully embedded within every department and business unit.

#### **OUR SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY**

SDB adopts a two-pronged approach strategy for sustainability. At the highest level of decision-making, the Board of Directors and Senior Management sets the overall direction by building the vision, goals, and putting in place proper governance, framework and policy. At the operational level, employees implement initiatives to instil the right mindset, habits and culture throughout the organisation.



#### **OUR 4Es STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS**

For our property planning and development, we are guided by several key strategic considerations to ensure that our products have the distinctive SDB hallmark.

SDB homes are designed to be energy efficient. Each building is oriented to maximise natural lighting into the units, without the glare of direct sunlight. Our homes have large windows and balconies, as well as wide spaces to optimise natural ventilation in every unit, leading to lesser usage of both artificial lighting and cooling.

Our developments have larger-than-conventional green spaces and aesthetically pleasing surroundings.

We try our best to develop homes that will provide returns on investment.

Our developments are built not only with niche concepts but are also in strategic locations close to amenities.

#### THE ENVIRONMENT

#### THE EMOTION

We design our developments to ensure every single part of it contributes to a holistic home-owning experience.

Pioneering the concept of Spatial Planning, we take pride in ensuring that there are no wasted spaces inside and outside of your home, ensuring a continuous joyful living experience for you and your loved ones.

#### THE ECONOMICS

#### THE ENGAGEMENT

We create partnerships with consultants, architects and designers who share the same values as we do, thus creating a team with the same goal of building homes and not cookie cutter houses.

We strive to provide the most accurate information to our customers to make an informed choice when buying a house as well as excellent customer care services and after-sale support.

#### **OUR SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK**

Our sustainability framework is a structured approach to integrate our sustainability vision and objectives into our strategy and decision-making processes. The framework helps us to assess, plan, implement, and monitor sustainability initiatives and practices while addressing the interconnections between the economic, environmental, social, and governance aspects of sustainability within SDB.

### SUSTAINABILITY VISION

To be a leading property developer, recognised for delivering high-quality and innovative products. We strive to create a liveable and sustainable environment that will enhance the lives of those who live and work.

## Alignment With United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals











Goals	Growing Responsible Business Responsibly	Building A Healthy Living Environment	Promoting Inclusivity & Diversity	Strengthening Sustainability Performance
Key Focus Areas	<ul> <li>Generating Revenue         And Profit for             Shareholders     </li> <li>Creating Jobs &amp;             Contributing To             Economic Growth</li> <li>Supporting Local             Suppliers, Contractors             etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conserving Energy</li> <li>Conserving Water</li> <li>Reducing Waste</li> <li>Connecting Human With The Natural Environment</li> <li>Conservation &amp; Rehabilitation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promoting Diversity At The Workplace</li> <li>Providing Equal Employment &amp; Training Opportunity</li> <li>Taking Care Of The Welfare Of Employees</li> <li>Engaging Customers And Stakeholders</li> <li>Contributing To Social Well-Being</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Enhancing Corporate         <ul> <li>Sustainability</li> <li>Governance</li> </ul> </li> <li>Enhancing Corporate         <ul> <li>Disclosure &amp;</li> <li>Improving</li> <li>Sustainability</li> <li>Reporting</li> </ul> </li> <li>Protecting Data         <ul> <li>Privacy</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ensuring Business         <ul> <li>Continuity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
EESG Dimensions	ECONOMIC	ENVIRONMENTAL	SOCIAL	GOVERNANCE

## SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY Two-Pronged Approach & 4Es Strategic Considerations

Governance	Risk Management & Sustainability Committee								
Core Business	Property								
Policy	Sustainability Policy	Sustainability Policy							
Objectives		r creating positive and long-lain a life-long relationships w		rs.					
Core Values	Passionate Innovative Results-Oriented Caring & Respectful								
Brand Manifesto	7 Points Brand Manifesto								
Brand Promise	Driving Excellence, Building Lifelong Relationships								

#### **OUR STAKEHOLDERS**

SDB has identified the following stakeholders, illustrating our accountability in communicating the Group's value creation. Our stakeholders' engagement process entails identifying and prioritising these stakeholders' expectations, through effective engagement channels while developing responses to address the various sustainability-related issues.

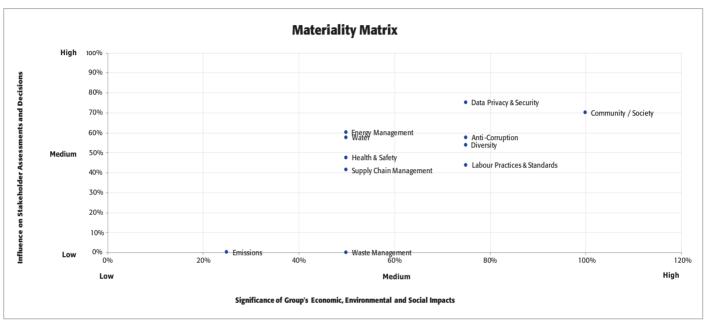


#### **Stakeholders & Engagement Channels**

No.	Stakeholders	Importance	Engagement Channels
1	Shareholders / Investors	Our shareholders and investors provide us with steady financial capital input.	<ul><li>General Meetings</li><li>Bursa Malaysia Announcements</li><li>Media Statements</li><li>Annual Reports</li></ul>
2	Management	Our management set the overall strategy and business direction that guide the Group.	<ul><li>Board Meetings</li><li>Business Review Meetings</li><li>Strategic &amp; Operational Meetings</li></ul>
3	Employees	Our employees are SDB's most valuable assets that will directly contribute to the Group's business sustainability and success.	<ul> <li>Performance Management</li> <li>Employee Events / Workshops / Training / Surveys</li> <li>Emails / Group Chats</li> </ul>
4	Customers / Tenants / Resident Associations	Our business viability and growth depend on our customers who support our products and services.	<ul><li>Digital / Social Media</li><li>Customer Events</li><li>Surveys / Feedback</li></ul>
5	Contractors / Consultants / Vendors	Our contractors and vendors provide critical inputs and supports for our business to function.	<ul> <li>Pre-Qualification / Tender &amp; Procurement Process</li> <li>Face To Face Meetings</li> <li>Formal Correspondence</li> </ul>
6	Industry Organisations & Associations	The network and the community in the environment in which we operate provide a sense of social	<ul><li>Events</li><li>Digital / Social Media</li><li>Corporate Social Responsibility Activities</li></ul>
7	Community	belonging and support to ensure the Group's long-term success.	Corporate Social responsibility Activities
8	Financiers / Banks	Financial institutions provide the Group with access to capital.	<ul><li>Annual Reports</li><li>Media Statements</li><li>Meetings</li></ul>
9	Governments / Regulators	Regulators provide an enabling environment and framework which is paramount to SDB's business.	Meetings     Briefings & Consultations     Site Inspections
10	Media	The media serves as an intermediary between the Group and the general public.	<ul><li>Media Statements</li><li>Press Conference</li><li>Events</li></ul>

#### **OUR MATERIAL SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS**

Material sustainability matters are matters concerning different stakeholder groups, that affect SDB's ability to create value over time. The Group has reviewed and analysed the following material sustainability matters, including the areas of interest under the EES (Economic, Environmental, Social) plus Governance sustainability dimensions that affect the Group's operations.



No.	Common Material Sustainability Matters	Indicators	Linkage to Stakeholders
M1	Anti-Corruption	Anti-Corruption Policy     Actions To Address Corruption	<ul><li>Shareholders / Investors</li><li>Financiers / Banks</li><li>Management</li></ul>
M2	Community/Society	<ul><li>Community / Customer Engagement</li><li>Social Contributions</li></ul>	Community     Customers / Tenants / Residents Association
М3	Diversity	<ul><li>Employees Age &amp; Gender Diversity</li><li>Composition of BOD</li></ul>	<ul><li>Management</li><li>Employees</li></ul>
M4	Energy Management	Energy Usage / Consumption	Contractors / Consultants / Vendors
M5	Health & Safety	Workplace Safety & Health     OHS Training	<ul><li>Employees</li><li>Customers / Tenants / Resident Associations</li></ul>
M6	Labour Practices & Standards	<ul><li>Human &amp; Labour Rights</li><li>Workers' Safety</li></ul>	Employees
M7	Supply Chain Management	Procurement Practices     Supporting Local Suppliers	Contractors / Consultants / Vendors
M8	Data Privacy & Security	Personal Data Protection	• All
M9	Water	Water Usage / Consumption	Customers / Tenants / Resident Associations
M10	Waste Management	Waste Generated     Waste Treatment & Disposal	<ul><li>Contractors / Consultants / Vendors</li><li>Customers / Tenants / Resident Associations</li></ul>
M11	Emissions	<ul><li>Scope 1 Emissions</li><li>Scope 2 Emissions</li><li>Scope 3 Emissions</li></ul>	• All



Windows On The Park, Cheras - Having more green leaves per unit area through a three-tier planting system with carefully chosen flora increases the Green Plot Ratio of the development.



# **Environmental** Sustainability

Environmental sustainability is a recurring theme throughout our businesses. The Group acknowledges the importance of the environment as an enabler in meeting our business goals. In the ESG - Environmental consideration, our key sustainability focus areas are Energy, Water, Biophilic Design and Conservation.

#### **Energy**

Energy conservation through building design plays a pivotal role in mitigating negative environmental impacts and promoting sustainability. In SDB's developments, we employed a myriad of innovations (Eg. Larger Window Opening, Thicker Window Frame etc.) to improve natural lighting and air circulation. For nonlanded developments, the rectilinear design provides more natural lighting and cross ventilation to each living unit. By maintaining an ideal atmosphere and temperature range within the living space, we helped residents to lessen the use of artificial lighting and cooling, thus reducing the overall buildings' energy usage and minimising the carbon footprint.

#### Water

As urbanisation and development continue to increase, efficient water management becomes critical for sustainable growth. Conserving water in buildings and infrastructure reduces the strain on local water sources. A key environmental feature at SDB developments is the curated landscapes and green spaces – which require a large amount of water to maintain. Implementing water-saving practices such as Rainwater Harvesting Systems can contribute to reducing water stress and ensuring a resilient water supply. At SDB, rainwater harvesting tanks are found in some of our landed and highrise developments, where the collected rainwater is used to water the plants.

#### **Biophilic Design**

Integrating the natural and built environment, we consistently employed the Biophilic Design approach to increase residents' connectivity to the natural environment. For many of the curated landscapes at SDB's developments, the trees, shrubs and other plants are specially selected by the landscape architects. These plants are planted in different tiers of greenery to mimic the rainforest's canopies. Having more green leaves per unit area increases the Green Plot Ratio of the development. Additionally, some plants are also selected for its beneficial properties to repel harmful insects; and to soothe and purify the surrounding air.

#### **Conservation & Rehabilitation**

We are committed to preserving and conserving important cultural heritage in the community in which we operate. SDB adopts sustainable construction practices that minimise the environmental impact of its construction activities. We are also committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of the environment. Doing our part as a responsible developer, SDB helped to transform a 200metre stretch river at By The Sea development in Penang into an environmentally and ecologically sustainable ecosystem. By enhancing the economic value of the river, and safeguarding the area against floods and erosion, we help to provide a cleaner and healthier living space for the residents' community.



#### SDB HQ, Kuala Lumpur -

Since 2022, we collaborated with local NGOs through Bursa Malaysia's re.Food programme to donate excess food to the underprivilege communities



#### Societal SUSTAINABILITY

Societal sustainability is about making sure that the communities and societies in which we operate can thrive in a healthy, fair and equal manner. In our ESG - Societal consideration, the key sustainability focus areas are Diversity, Welfare & Well-Being, Engagement and Social Contributions.

#### **Diversity**

SDB maintains a consistent employment workforce of over 200 people to date (including Hotel Maya), from pre and postpandemic periods. We continuously embrace diversity, inclusion, empowerment and equality in the workplace, starting from the highest level of leadership. Our commitment to provide a conducive and safe working environment for all employees is demonstrated through the various employee engagement activities (including the Peer To Peer Assessment), which are focused on fostering a positive and collaborative workplace culture that requires the participation of employees from all levels.

#### **Employee Welfare & Well-Being**

At SDB head office, we implemented a flexible working hour scheme for employees who are not involved in providing critical services. The Group is in full compliance with the industry's established safety and health standards at its workplace. As we strive to provide a continuous learning environment, we initiated several employee well-being programmes in 2022, as we gradually recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic. A timely Meditation & Mental Awareness programme was conducted to help improve our employees' work performances and overall well-being by heightening their state of mental awareness (Refer to our Sustainability Case Study on page 43).

#### **Customer Engagement**

We strive to build life-long relationships with all of our customers and stakeholders through continuous engagements. Feedback and grievances are collected and channelled to the respective teams to ensure that they are addressed, while ensuring that our products and services continue to meet our customer's expectations. These customers' satisfaction levels are tracked through the Customer Satisfaction Index and Net Promoter Score.

#### **Social Contribution**

In line with our commitment to give back to society, SDB has collaborated with Bursa Malaysia's re.Food programme to drive an internal Food Bank initiative. From 2022 until mid-2023, a total of 600 kg of donated food items was contributed by SDB's employees and distributed to needy communities. At the same time, SDB continues to be the pioneer and leader in providing equal work opportunities to individuals with special needs. In 2023, we also collaborated with the Enabling Academy, Yayasan Gamuda to train SDB supervisors who are managing their special needs co-workers through the Job Coach Introductory Workshop.

	(Sub-Categories) & Indicators			Measurements		Link to UNSDGs	
	BOARD & EMPLOYEE DIVERSITY	(	2021	2022	2023	□ GENDER	
	Board Diversity					5 GENDER EQUALITY	
		Male	40%	40%	40%	₽"	
	Percentage By Gender	Female	60%	60%	60%	8 DECENT WORK AND	
	Percentage By Age Profile	50 – 59 Years	60%	60%	40%		
		60 – 69 Years	40%	20%	40%		
		70 – 79 Years	0%	20%	20%	1	
		Chinese	80%	80%	80%	-	
	Percentage By Ethnicity	Bumiputera	20%	20%	20%	-	
	Employee Diversity						
₹		Male	57%	56%	55%	-	
Diversity	Percentage By Gender	Female	43%	44%	45%	-	
ğ		20 – 29 Years	13%	19%	18%	_	
		30 – 39 Years	36%	32%	31%	-	
	Percentage By Age Profile	40 – 49 Years	35%	32%	35%		
		50 – 59 Years	15%	15%	14%		
		60 – 69 Years	2%	2%	3%	_	
		Bumiputera	55%	58%	59%		
			33%	32%	32%	-	
	Percentage By Ethnicity  Chinese Indian		7%	6%	5%	-	
		Others				_	
SOCIAL	Develope Of Special Needs Fro		5%	4%	4% 6%	_	
	Percentage Of Special Needs Employees  EMPLOYEE TRAINING		2021	6% <b>2022</b>	2023		
Labour Practices and Standards	No. Of Employee Training Cond	ucted	13	18	24	3 GOODHAIN AND WIELE-BING	
	EMPLOYEE WELFARE AND WEL	L-BEING	2021	2022	2023	3 GOOD HEALTH	
et ,	No. Of Employee Benefitted Fro	om Well-Being Programme	•	'		AND WELL-BEING	
Health Id Safety	Enhancing Employees' Financial Lit	eracy	-	-	70	-W•	
H He	Enhancing Employees' Performance Through Meditation & Mental Awareness		-	-	20 (Cohort 1 & Cohort 2)	_	
	CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT		2020	2021	2022	3 GOOD HEALTH	
	<b>Customer Satisfaction Index</b>		80%	80%	82%	-AND WELL BEING	
	Net Promoter Score		87%	85%	85%	, , ,	
ety	SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS		2021	2022	2023	3 GOOD HEALTH	
Community/Society	No. Of Job Created For Special	Needs Individual				<i>-</i> ₩ <b>&gt;</b>	
nity/	One-Two-Boost	One-Two-Boost		8	8	_	
Ē	SDB Head Office	SDB Head Office		2	3	5 GENDER EQUALITY	
Com	Hotel Maya	Hotel Maya		1	1		
	No. Of Beneficiaries From Socia	al Enterprise Project	-	-	2 NGOs		
	SDB's Food Bank Programme (Weight (kg) Of Food Donated Underprivileged Communities)	To NGOs For Distribution To The	-	-	600kg	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	



# One Draycott, 1 Draycott Park A freehold development in the exclusive ArdmoreDraycott residential enclave in Singapore, offering homes with luxury in every detail.



# Governance & Economic Sustainability

The ESG – Governance consideration refers to the systems, structures, and processes that govern how SDB is directed and managed. Governance encompasses the principles and practices that guide our decision-making, accountability, transparency, and ethical behaviour. This sustainability dimension is inherently linked to economic performances thus Governance/Economic will be discussed together.

#### Governance

An underlying principle of SDB's business philosophy is the practice of fair dealings in all of the Group's business transactions, which has contributed to SDB's long-term business viability and sustainability since 1962. The practice of ethical engagement within the marketplace is something that the Group takes very seriously in its day-today operations. In line with that, the Group has established a transparent procurement process, which has enabled us to conduct our business dealings with integrity. Through our open tender system, all of our appointed business partners including our contractors, consultants and vendors must comply with all statutory regulations, standards and code of practices as per outlined in the contract terms and conditions. We remain committed to giving our homebuyers and tenants the assurance that they have made the right economical choice by delivering to them products and services that meet the criteria of value, quality and satisfaction.

Additionally, the Group has a zero-tolerance policy towards bribery and corruption, a stance which was championed by SDB's Board of Directors and Senior Management team. Towards this end, a third-party assessment of all the Group's policies was conducted in 2020 to ensure that there are adequate control measures in place to address and manage our anti-bribery and

anti-corruption stance. At the operational level, all employees are made aware of the Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy ("ABAC") and have attended a training course to familiarise themselves with the policy. In addition, we have also established a comprehensive Whistleblowing Policy and a whistleblowing channel for employees to report any misconduct or grievances that may arise.

#### **Economic**

In achieving economic sustainability, we engage with local contractors and consultants, as well as utilise locally-sourced materials in our developments, subject to practicability, as part of our effort to support the local construction industry and to deliver indirect economic impact.

As part of our Brand Promise, we empathise with the needs of our customers and go beyond the minimal requirements each time in all of our deliverables. From designing the home to managing and maintaining property purchases, we developed not a one-off, but rather a lifelong relationship with our customers and remain committed to serving their needs and providing services that will bring economic value to them in the long run. We conducted Projects Quality Assessments in all of our developments (including BuildQAS Assessments) for our homebuyers.

		(Sub-Categories) & Indicators	Measurements			Link to UNSDGs
		COMPANY LEVEL	2021	2022	2023	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
		Does The Company Have A Sustainability Framework?	No	No	Yes	
		Does The Company Have A Sustainability Policy?	No	No	Yes	
		Does The Company Publish A Sustainability Report/Statement?	Yes	Yes	Yes	
GOVERNANCE		Are The Sustainability Reports/Statements Validated By External Third Party?	No	No	No	
	Anti- Corruption	Does The Company Have An Anti-Corruption & Bribery Policy?	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Privacy Security	Does The Company Follow A Data Privacy & Protection Policy?	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Data P and Se	Does The Company Have A Business Continuity Plan In Place?	Yes	Yes	Yes	

		(Sub-Categories) & Indicators		Measurements					
		COMPANY LEVEL	2021		20	)22		2023	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
		Revenue (million)	144.20		98	.48		137.74	<i></i>
		Profit (million)	(11.55)		6.	76		6.25	
		STAKEHOLDERS LEVEL	2021		20	)22		2023	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
		No. Of Employees	211		2	11		213	
		Projects Quality Assessment For Homebuyers (For Selected Projects)		Midrise/Highrise Projects					
<u></u>			Year	F	Project	Target Score		Score	
ECONOMIC		BuildQAS Assessment Building Quality Assessment System (Malaysia Projects Only)	2018	Т	he Hub			75.3%	
ECO	men		2019	S	SqWhere 75%			76.1%	
_	age		2021		UNA	1		79.7%	
	Man	SUPPLY CHAIN LEVEL	2021		20	)22		2023	
	Chain Management	Percentage Budget Spent On / Contract Awarded To Local Suppliers (For Selected Projects)							
	Supply	19Trees (Terrace Villa)	-			-		88%	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
	Sup	Jia (Terrace Villa)	-			-		85%	<b> ★</b>
		UNA (Serviced Apartments)	-		-		75%		
		Does The Company Have A Policy/Approach For Supporting Locally- Based Suppliers?	Yes		Ye	es		Yes	







#### **ONE-TWO-BOOST**

# OUR CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY







SDB's Corporate Social Responsibility ("CSR") initiatives are driven by a strong purpose of inclusivity and revolve around offering support and creating opportunities for individuals with special needs and disabilities. Since 2011, the Group has embarked on several initiatives, namely One-Two-Juice (a fresh juice kiosk), One-Two-Wash (a car wash service) and One-Two-Gift to help special needs individuals to acquire life-long skills that will prepare them for an independent life on their own.

In line with our sustainability and corporate responsibility commitment to embrace social diversity, we champion for inclusion, empowerment and equality by supporting and providing opportunities for people with special needs to contribute positively to society.

Since 2020, we have collaborated with Traditional Chinese Medicine ("TCM") physicians, Dr Lin Cze-Pern and Dr Go Pei Heng from the Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine to create specially prescribed herbal soups, nourishing tea and drink packs to boost a person's immunity and well-being. These traditional herbal formulations are packed by a group of special needs young adults, with proper guidance and supervision from their appointed job coaches.

One-Two-Boost was launched as a platform to enable a group of special needs young adults to continue working during the movement restriction periods. At that time, the initiative was timely because it also contributed to societal well-being through its immune-boosting herbal products. As a result, our One-Two-Boost team is able to learn many technical skills, such as mixing herbs and improving their social interaction skills through teamwork. Most importantly, the initiative contributed to public awareness of the various challenges, especially in employment that these special needs young adults are facing.

The One-Two-Boost website is at (www.12boost.com.my), and the public can directly purchase its herbal and health products from the site.

#### SUSTAINABILITY **CASE STUDY**

#### **Embracing Mindfulness As A Tool To Boost Employees' Performance And Well-Being**

In December 2022, SDB launched a programme aimed at promoting mindfulness among its employees. The programme, called "Improving Performance and Well-being through Meditation & Awareness," is designed to teach and train SDB employees to be more present and mindful in their daily lives, by letting go of distractions and negative thoughts to attain greater relaxation, calmness, and clarity.

The programme was initiated by SDB's Managing Director, Ms Teh Lip Kim, who is herself a meditation practitioner. The timely initiative comes by when many individuals are feeling overwhelmed and struggling to manage the demands of modern life. The constant barrage of stimuli, from email notifications to social media updates, can leave people feeling exhausted and unable to focus.

By promoting mindfulness, SDB hopes to provide its employees with a tool to attain a greater sense of mental clarity and well-being. Classes for the first cohort of the meditation programme began in December 2022 and lasted for five months until April 2023. The sessions were led by Ms Maria Linghult (pic – seated third from right), a meditation practitioner with over 25 years of experience. Over the course of the programme, participants learned various meditation techniques designed to help them focus their minds and be fully present at the moment.

Participants learned to let go of distractions and negative thoughts and achieve a greater sense of relaxation, calmness, and clarity. The benefits of mindfulness are

numerous and have been proven to have a positive impact on both physical and mental health. By training the mind to focus and be fully present at the moment, individuals can complete tasks more efficiently and effectively without distraction. This can lead to improved performance. resilience, and productivity, as well as better workload management and job satisfaction. Additionally, by becoming aware of one's own inner thoughts and emotional state, individuals can better self-regulate and manage their stress, leading to improved mental and emotional health. This, in turn, can lead to greater creativity and innovation, as individuals are better able to tap into their creative potential and generate new ideas.

At SDB, mindfulness is especially important because the company strives to be a developer that can perceive and envision its customers' needs. By considering the emotional aspect that its products can bring, SDB builds houses that evoke positive feelings and promote well-being. Mental awareness can facilitate this connection between the architect, the space, and the people living in it.

The programme has already had a positive impact on SDB employees, who report feeling more focused and productive as a result of their mindfulness practice. SDB plans to continue offering the programme to its employees and expanding it to include more participants. The company also hopes to inspire other organisations to adopt mindfulness practices and promote employee well-being.









