

## Safdie Architects Announces Completion of Eling Residences in Chongqing, China

Echoing the Topography of its Hillside Location, Elegantly Stepped Eling Residences Overlook Yuzhong Peninsula and Yangtze River



### WHAT

Safdie Architects marks a major construction milestone in China with the completion of **Eling Residences** in **Chongqing**. The project has been developed in partnership with Singapore-based City Developments Limited (CDL) and Shenzhen-headquartered Vanke – one of the largest residential estate developers in the People’s Republic of China.

Eling Residences are spread across the highest plateau of Eling Hill, adjacent to Chongqing’s well-known Eling Park and overlooking the Yuzhong Peninsula—the central point of the Chongqing municipality—and the Yangtze River.

The 460,000-square-foot development contains 126 apartments organized into terraces that echo the slope of the site. The typology of the buildings changes with the hillside’s ascent, from several terraced configurations to a pair of freestanding, dome-shaped villas at the crest of the hill. This topographical design inspiration can be seen in the residences’ upward curvature as well as in the stepped organization of the individual buildings, which offer all apartments uninterrupted views of their surroundings.

Complementing the sloped low-rise buildings is an intricate landscape system, which interweaves terraces, gardens, trellises, overlooks, stairs, and promenades throughout the site. The combination of landscape and architecture works together to evoke the character of lush, hanging gardens, integrating the project site with the green oasis of Eling Park. The terraced levels maximize residents’ access to light, air, and greenery, while

architectural screens partially shade individual apartments, extending living spaces outward into the garden landscape. A four-story clubhouse, pools, and additional recreational areas create a sense of community, echoing Safdie Architects' commitment to humanizing scale and creating vibrant shared spaces.

In addition to other major projects in the region, Safdie Architects is currently also working on Raffles City Chongqing, a monumental mixed-use development known for the largest "horizontal skyscraper" in the world.

## **WHO**

Safdie Architects: Moshe Safdie (Design Principal), Greg Reaves (Principal in Charge, Boston), Christopher Mulvey (Principal in Charge, Shanghai), Jeffrey Huggins (Project Manager). Project Team: Daniel Cho, Michael Guran, Mike McKee, Sanny Ng, Laura Rushfeldt, Damon Sidel, Sarah Wan, Hu Wei, Ye Yang, Jing Yu.

Client: City Developments Limited (Singapore) and Vanke (Shenzhen, China)

Local Design Institute: CCTEG Chongqing

Façade Consultant and Interior Design: Design Paradigms

Landscape Architect: FuturePolis and Change Landscape Studio

Lighting Design: BPI

## **WHERE**

Eling Main Street, Yuzhong District, Chongqing, China

## **STATS**

460,000 square feet / 42,740 square meters; 126 apartments; four 7-story buildings

## **ABOUT SAFDIE ARCHITECTS**

Safdie Architects is an architecture and urban design studio imbued with a spirit of idealism and innovation. With intense personal involvement of Moshe Safdie and the core group of principals, the practice operates in the model of a design studio environment—research-oriented and forward-thinking, drawing upon a depth of experience to solve contemporary building challenges in imaginative and unexpected ways.

Safdie Architects is active in a wide variety of project types, scales, and sectors, designing museums, cultural centers, libraries, housing, mixed-use developments, transportation centers, and master plans in geographically and culturally diverse places. The studio's projects around the world have become beloved resources and symbols of their communities as well as regional and national landmarks.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY CREDIT**

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