

Special feature: Vertical Greenery

Do cities need vertical greenery?



Vertical greenery is increasingly used in cities to both raise quality of life and improve urban environments and eco-systems. As well as modifying temperatures, improving air quality and increasing biodiversity, exposure to urban greenery can improve peoples' physiology and mental health. Yet, how effective is vertical greenery, what are its costs and benefits, and how sustainable is it in the long term?

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Living walls

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The Prize is awarded to cities and recognises their key leaders and organisations for displaying



Occupying the vertical surfaces of offices, residential and commercial buildings, green walls provide greenery to the urban environment without the traditional requirements of space. They are increasingly popular these days as developers strive for greener buildings without sacrificing built-up area. Ms Jane Henley, Chief Executive Officer of the World Green Building Council, shares with us her views on green walls as well as their lesser known environmental benefits, and the upward trend of these living facades.

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Interview with Prof Wong Nyuk Hien



Prof Wong is Professor in the Department of Building, National University of Singapore, whose area of expertise and research interests include urban heat island, urban greenery, thermal comfort in the tropics and building energy simulation. A thought leader in the area of vertical greenery in Singapore, in this exclusive interview, we talk to him on the various aspects of rooftop gardens and vertical greenery.

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foresight, good governance and innovation in tackling the many urban challenges faced, to bring about social, economic and environmental benefits in a holistic way to their communities.

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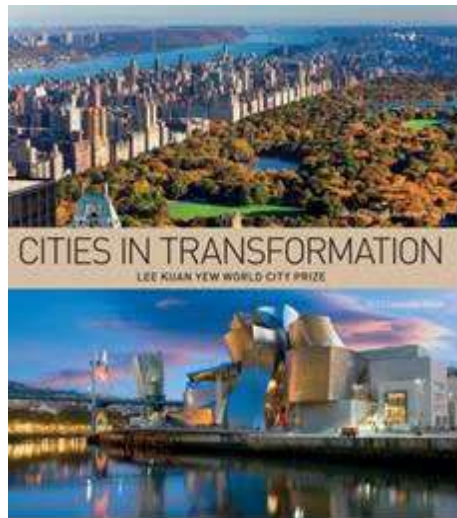
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