



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Eleven individuals and enterprises lauded for leadership in sustainable development at the 2025 Sustainability Impact Awards**

**Singapore, 25 September 2025** – Eleven individuals and enterprises were recognised for their outstanding contributions to sustainable development and driving innovations towards a greener and more inclusive future at the 2025 Sustainability Impact Awards (SI Awards), jointly organised by The Business Times (BT) and UOB. Now in its third year, the awards ceremony was held at Pan Pacific Orchard, where Mr Chee Hong Tat, Minister for National Development, was the Guest-of-Honour.

The SI Awards recognise individuals and corporates in Singapore that have demonstrated exemplary leadership in creating sustainability impact.

Keppel Ltd was named the Impact Enterprise of the Year under the Large Enterprise category for riding structural trends in climate change and renewable energy as part of its business transformation. The company has embarked on clean energy import projects, and developed Singapore's first hydrogen-compatible power plant. Four other large enterprises – ComfortDelGro Corporation Limited, FairPrice Group, The Ascott Limited, and UOL Group-Pan Pacific Hotels Group (UOL-PPHG) also received the Impact Enterprise Excellence Award under the same category for their sustainability endeavours.

In the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) category, Pollen Tech and WeavInsight Pte Ltd were presented the Impact Enterprise Excellence Award. Pollen Tech runs Asia's first excess inventory liquidation operating system, which helps brands recover costs from excess inventory and achieve a zero-waste world, while WeavInsight Pte Ltd has run several sustainability initiatives, including helping to green the real estate sector by reducing energy consumption in buildings, thereby enabling access to sustainable financing in Singapore.

Under the Individual category, Mr Bjorn Low, Co-Founder and Chief Urban Farmer of Edible Garden City, and Prof Lily Kong, President and Lee Kong Chian Chair Professor of Social Sciences at Singapore Management University (SMU), were named the Impact Leaders of the Year. Mr Low is a champion of urban agriculture and food independence, and has led more than 280 urban farming installations and represented Singapore at the Expo 2020 Dubai, showcasing Singapore's urban farming model on the global stage. Prof Kong has advocated for mandatory sustainability education at SMU, and played a pivotal role in establishing the Singapore Green Finance Centre and SMU Urban Institute.

The Individual Excellence Award under the Individual category was presented to two winners. They are Ms Beh Siew Kim, Chief Financial & Sustainability Officer, Lodging at CapitaLand

Investment, and Managing Director, Japan and South Korea at The Ascott Limited, as well as Mr Jeremy Lee, Founder and CEO at SimplyGood.

BT Editor, Ms Chen Huifen, said, “The Sustainability Impact Awards reflect The Business Times’ commitment to recognise individuals and businesses that are not only driving economic value, but also advancing sustainability and contributing significantly to environmental and societal well-being. This year, we also introduced the Sustainability Impact Dialogue to discuss trends, learn from one another and bring people together. We hope that these efforts will collectively help to inspire individuals and enterprises to take bold, meaningful steps towards a more responsible and resilient future.”

Mr Wee Ee Cheong, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, UOB, said, “UOB is committed to building a sustainable future by doing right by our customers and communities. We support our customers on their sustainability journey with sector-specific solutions and partner with like-minded leaders driving lasting impact. The Sustainability Impact Awards celebrate the companies and individuals who have made meaningful contributions and we congratulate the winners for leading the way forward.”

The Centre for Governance and Sustainability at the National University of Singapore Business School is the Knowledge Partner for SI Awards.

More information on SI Awards can be found at [bt.sg/siawards](https://bt.sg/siawards).

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For nine decades, UOB has adopted a customer-centric approach to create long-term value by staying relevant through its enterprising spirit and doing right by its customers. UOB is focused on building the future of ASEAN – for the people and businesses within, and connecting with, ASEAN.

The Bank connects businesses to opportunities in the region with its unparalleled regional footprint and leverages data and insights to innovate and create personalised banking experiences and solutions catering to each customer's unique needs and evolving preferences. UOB is also committed to forging a sustainable future through working with its stakeholders to create positive environmental impact, fostering social inclusiveness and pursuing economic progress. UOB believes in being a responsible financial services provider and is steadfast in its support of art, social development of children and education, doing right by its communities and stakeholders.

## **About the Centre for Governance and Sustainability (CGS)**

The Centre for Governance and Sustainability (CGS), formerly known as Centre for Governance, Institutions and Organisations (CGIO), was established by the National University of Singapore (NUS) Business School in 2010. It aims to spearhead relevant and high-impact research on corporate governance (CG) and corporate sustainability (CS) issues that are pertinent to institutions, government bodies and businesses both in Singapore and Asia. This includes corporate governance and corporate sustainability, governance of family firms, government-linked companies, business groups, and institutions. CGS also organises events such as public lectures, industry roundtables, and academic conferences on topics related to governance and sustainability.

CGS is the national assessor for the corporate sustainability and corporate governance performance of listed companies in Singapore. More information about CGS can be accessed at <https://bschool.nus.edu.sg/cgs/>.

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The School is one of the 16 faculties and schools at NUS. A leading global university centered in Asia, NUS is Singapore's flagship university which offers a global approach to education, research and entrepreneurship, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise. Its transformative education includes a broad-based curriculum underscored by multi-disciplinary courses and cross-faculty enrichment. Over 40,000 students from 100 countries enrich the community with their diverse social and cultural perspectives.

### Recipient List for 2025 Sustainability Impact Awards

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY	
<b><u>Impact Leader of the Year</u></b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr Bjorn Low, Co-Founder and Chief Urban Farmer, Edible Garden City</li> <li>2. Prof Lily Kong, President and Lee Kong Chian Chair Professor of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University</li> </ol>	
<b><u>Individual Excellence Award</u></b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms Beh Siew Kim, Chief Financial &amp; Sustainability Officer, Lodging, CapitaLand Investment, and Managing Director, Japan and South Korea, The Ascott Limited</li> <li>2. Mr Jeremy Lee, Founder and CEO, SimplyGood</li> </ol>	
ENTERPRISE CATEGORY	
SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE (SME)	LARGE ENTERPRISE
<b><u>Impact Enterprise Excellence Award</u></b>	<b><u>Impact Enterprise of the Year</u></b>
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### Citations

In the Individual category, **Professor Lily Kong** was recognised for her emphasis on sustainable living as the President of the Singapore Management University (SMU). She has led the establishment of two sustainability-focused outfits – Singapore Green Finance Centre and SMU Urban Institute. Prof Kong has also advocated for mandatory sustainability education at the university, nurturing the next generation of green talents for the country.

**Mr Bjorn Low**, Co-Founder of Edible Garden City, was recognised for championing urban agriculture and food sovereignty. He has led over 280 urban farming installations and called for the inclusion of edible plants into planning codes. Mr Low has represented Singapore on the global stage at events such as Expo 2020 Dubai, showcasing Singapore’s urban farming model. He is also engaged in community activities involving migrant workers on the personal level.

Excellence awards were also given to:

- **Ms Beh Siew Kim**, who is Chief Financial & Sustainability Officer, Lodging, CapitaLand Investment, and Managing Director, Japan and South Korea, The Ascott Limited. She has been instrumental in aligning Ascott’s growth strategy with sustainability principles, by leading the launch of the company’s framework for long-term global impact. Ms Beh has also led a partnership with SG Enable to champion

disability

inclusion.

- **Mr Jeremy Lee**, Founder and CEO of SimplyGood, for his vision to make home cleaning more sustainable by reducing single-use plastics and cutting carbon emissions. Mr Lee has helped numerous households and companies adopt greener cleaning solutions such as dissolvable tablets. Another company that he has co-founded, UglyGood, transforms fruit by-products into high-value output such as animal feed.

In the Large Enterprise category, **Keppel Ltd** has demonstrated its ability to ride structural trends in climate change and renewable energy as part of its business transformation. The asset manager and operator has embarked on clean energy import projects, and developed Singapore's first hydrogen-compatible power plant. The company is also involved in sustainable urban renewal and the greening of data centres.

Excellence awards were given to:

- **ComfortDelGro Corporation Ltd**, which has invested significantly in vehicle electrification and decarbonisation. Close to 60% of its owned fleet comprises cleaner energy vehicles. The company has also taken the lead in developing infrastructure that enables the transition to electric vehicles such as charging stations. It has also advocated for wheelchair-accessible transportation.
- **FairPrice Group**, for its efforts to adopt greener practices such as electrifying its logistics. The supermarket operator is driving sustainable consumer behaviour shifts, through its "No Plastic Bag" initiative and reverse vending machines. It is also helping its SME suppliers to build sustainability capabilities through a programme with the UN Global Compact Network Singapore.
- **The Ascott Limited**, which has unveiled a comprehensive sustainability framework and embarked on efforts to reduce waste in the hospitality sector. Under their CarbonClear Initiative, the company has reduced single-use plastics and sourced responsibly for green cleaning supplies. It has also achieved the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC)-Committed status.
- **UOL Group-Pan Pacific Hotels Group (UOL-PPHG)**, whose "Hotel in a Garden" initiative integrates eco-friendly features into the built environment. These include solar panels, rainwater harvesting and food waste digesters. The company has achieved GSTC multi-site certification for all eight hospitality properties in Singapore and six in Australia. It is also actively engaged in climate resilience planning.

In the SME category, excellence awards were given to:

- **Pollen Tech**, which has big ambitions to tackle waste from global unsold inventory, which could end up in landfills. The company's liquidation management system helps brands to recover costs from excess inventory. Pollen Tech also aids brands in predicting demand accurately to prevent overstocking.

- **WeavInsight Pte Ltd**, whose key projects include greening the real estate sector, by reducing energy consumption in buildings. The company is also involved in improving the accuracy of emissions and climate risk data for fund managers, helping to drive sustainable financing in Singapore. WeavInsight Pte Ltd has also aided in tracking battery safety, promoting electric vehicle adoption.