

**A first for Sumitomo Forestry: winning iF DESIGN AWARD 2025,
one of three most prestigious design awards**
~Mass-timber office “T3 Collingwood” receives the top honor, the GOLD AWARD~

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Toshiro Mitsuyoshi; Headquarters: Tokyo; hereinafter, Sumitomo Forestry) is pleased to announce that two of its facilities/products have received the iF DESIGN AWARD 2025. The joint mass-timber office development, “T3 Collingwood” in Melbourne, Australia received the top honor, the GOLD AWARD, and the interior design idea, “Kids’ Base (around the center of the house),” conceptualized by Sumitomo Forestry received the DESIGN AWARD. This is the first time that Sumitomo Forestry Group has received this award.

■iF DESIGN AWARD

The German “iF International Forum Design” has been presenting awards to outstanding industrial designs from around the world since 1954. There are 9 award disciplines: Product, Packaging, Communication, Service Design, Architecture, Interior Architecture, Professional Concept, User Experience (UX), and User Interface (UI). This year, there were 10,651 entries from 66 countries and regions, which were evaluated by 131 design experts from around the world. 75 entries (0.7% of all entries) were selected for the highest award, GOLD AWARD. Along with the Red Dot Design Award (Germany) and the iDEA Award (U.S.), the iF DESIGN AWARD is said to be one of the world’s three most prestigious design awards.

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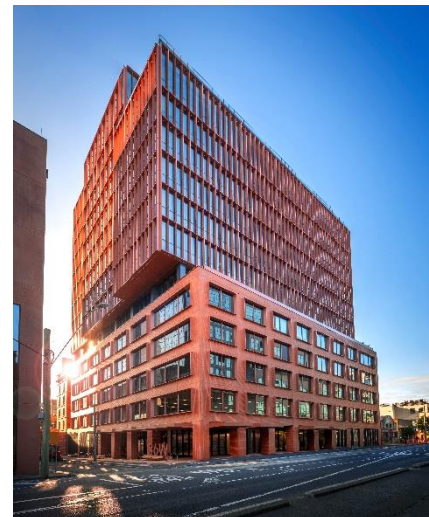
(1) T3 Collingwood: Received the highest award, GOLD AWARD

Discipline : Architecture

Recipients : Hines (major US developer), Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.,
NTT Urban Development Corporation,
Jackson Clements Burrows Architects (Australian architecture firm)

Outline : This is a mass-timber office building in Collingwood, a suburb of Melbourne, Australia. Comprising 15 floors above ground and two basement floors, it is designed as a hybrid structure with the basement to sixth floors made of reinforced concrete, and the seventh to fifteenth floors made of timber. It is the tallest mass-timber office building to be completed in Australia*. Cross-laminated timber made from Australian Radiata Pine is used for the floor slab, and GLT (glued laminated timber) from Victoria, is used for beams and pillars with an exposed finish. The building received the highest Gold rating for its exceptional office design, openness that draws in an abundance of natural lighting, quality and longevity of the building. Only three buildings in the Architecture Discipline received the GOLD AWARD.

* According to a survey conducted by Wood Solutions, an NPO funded by levy paying members and the Australian Government (as of November 2024).



Outline of the facility:

Location	36 Wellington St., Collingwood, Victoria, AUS
Total floor area / Leased floor area	29,296 m ² / 18,410 m ²
Start of construction	November 2021 (demolition work), August 2022 (main body construction)
Completion	October 2023
Developers	Hines, Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd., NTT Urban Development Corporation
Architect	Jackson Clements Burrows Architects
Structural Engineer	AECOM

Reference: [Award detail page for “T3 Collingwood” on ifdesign.com](#)

Relevant press releases: [“Toward the Creation of a Decarbonized Society Through Net Zero Carbon Buildings - Starting with the tallest 15-story wooden office building developed in Melbourne, Australia,”](#) published on October 6, 2021

(2) Kids’ Base (around the center of the house): DESIGN AWARD

Discipline : Interior Architecture

Recipients : Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

Outline : Kids' BASE is a dedicated space proposed for homes designed for families with little children. It is situated around the center of the house, allowing parents to keep an eye on their children from the living or dining area at all times. The space is separated subtly from the surrounding area by a slightly lowered floor, making it a "BASE" for children and giving them a place of their own, thereby nurturing a sense of independence. It can be converted into a private room at the appropriate time as the child grows up, and after they leave home, it can be used in a variety of other ways, for example, as a part of the living room or converted into a hobby room.



The orange space shown here is the “Kids' BASE (around the center of the house)”

“Kids' BASE (around the center of the house)”, as set up in the model home

Reference : [Award detail page for “Kids’ BASE \(around the center of the house\)” on ifdesign.com](#)

Sumitomo Forestry Group is engaged in a broad range of global businesses centered on wood, including forestry management, the manufacture and distribution of wood building materials, the construction of single-family homes and medium- to large-scale wooden buildings, real estate development, and wood biomass power generation. In our long-term vision Mission TREEING 2030, we are seeking to promote our value chain, the Sumitomo Forestry Wood Cycle, to contribute to decarbonization for the whole of society by increasing the CO₂ absorption of forests and popularizing wooden buildings that store carbon for long periods of time. Going forward, we will continue to promote ZEH, ZEB, LCCM housing as well as net zero carbon buildings, and accelerate decarbonization by reducing CO₂ emissions both during construction and during the use of the buildings.

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