



# SUBURBAN OASIS

**DEVELOPER : B1 Group**  
**MAIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY : Icon Construction Australia Pty Ltd**  
**ARCHITECT : AJ+C (Allen Jack + Cottier) Pty Ltd**  
**INTERIOR DESIGN : WMK Architecture**  
**PROJECT VALUE : \$110 million**

B1 Square Burwood brings the tranquil landscape and stunning views to the hub of Burwood, with three residential towers above a mixed-use podium level with retail and dining facilities.

**Positioned in the heart of Burwood, the \$110 million B1 Square is the latest upscale mixed-use development from Australian-based property development company B1 Group Pty Ltd.**

Designed by renowned Sydney-based architects Allen Jack+Cottiers, B1 Square features 210 apartments across three towers. The apartments rise above a retail and commercial complex conveniently served by a 6-level subterranean public car park. B1 Square also incorporates entertainment venues, restaurants and eateries, as well as direct links to the adjacent Burwood Plaza.

B1 Square seeks to create an urban oasis for residents with lashings of carefully designed greenery and access to natural views. The trio of residential towers enclose a central podium garden that provides a tranquil landscaped space within bustling Burwood.

Continuity with the outside world is emphasised throughout the design where spacious interiors merge seamlessly into external terraces or indoor-outdoor loggias. Floor to-ceiling glass optimises the panoramic views from the mountains to Sydney Harbour while the well-appointed one, two and three bedroom apartments offer optimal amenity and inspire urban resort living at its finest.

A challenge was facilitating continuous public vehicular access into the shopping centre on the adjoining block. A number of highly engineered temporary structures were constructed to ensure traffic flowed smoothly through the site.

B1 Group is an Australian-based development company specialising in high quality residential, retail and commercial mixed-use developments. Backed by over 20 years experience, they have successfully delivered a variety of projects across Sydney. A forward thinking, design oriented construction company, B1 Group remains committed to Chairperson Annie Bi's vision of delivering projects that will stand proudly into the next century.

B1 Group's operations are underpinned by a philosophy of sustainability. Seeking to enhance quality of life through its developments, their focus on

eco-friendly and responsible practices looks to the wider benefits of sustainable building. The company's philosophy is supported by qualifications, experience and a proven track record of achievement.

A people-driven company, B1 Group's success is attributable to its professional team. Their dedicated personnel work together to provide only the highest quality service throughout every stage of a project. Whether it be construction, development, marketing or sales, B1 Group's priority remains the needs of its clients.

Upon the completion of each project, B1 Group continues to provide follow-up services to make sure clients are completely taken care of. The dedicated and integrity of the B1 team has ensured B1 Group always delivers to the highest satisfaction of its clients.

In addition to B1 Square in Burwood, B1 Group's recent projects include the iconic B1 Tower in the heart of the Parramatta CBD. The tallest building in Parramatta, the 28-storey B1 Tower combines innovative design with outstanding workmanship.

Another recent project, the CASA Residences in Erskineville, takes its inspiration from old-world glamour with an emphasis on contemporary practicality. Architecturally designed to create a grand sense of scale, the CASA Residences feature a curvaceous exterior and stately bronze façade to compliment the luxurious apartments within.

Enhanced by floor-to-ceiling glass doors and wood and stone finishes, the CASA Residence's elegantly appointed interiors are showcased in the stylish CASA Terraces and boutique CASA Apartments. Currently, B1 Group is completing B1 Chester Epping, a development that promises to deliver an innovative architectural edge to the suburb's landscape.

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## RAISING IT UP

**The impressive heights of multi-storey developments could never be achieved without the temporary structural works that ensure their safe and successful construction.** Industry leaders Formtec Group met the challenges of constructing B1 Square Burwood with the expertise only experienced formworkers can provide.

Formtec Group provided all formwork for the B1 Square Burwood project including formwork structures for the car park levels and three towers. Limited site access and working adjacent to an operational shopping centre presented significant challenges to the construction of B1 Square. Highly experienced in multi-storey work, Formtec knew exactly how to overcome these challenges from the beginning. “There was substantial planning in the early stages of the project,” explains Peter Placanica, of Formtec Group. “Working together with the head contractor, we worked out the most cost effective solution for the site.”

As a mixed-used residential development, B1 Square Burwood incorporates a number of levels that required Formtec Group to implement a variety of formwork solutions. Consisting of 6-levels of underground car parking, 4-levels of retail and three residential towers, Formtec utilised its expertise to develop formwork strategies for each of these aspects whilst overcoming the specific difficulties of the site.

“Formtec implemented a mixture of varying formwork systems, crane and hydraulic operated jump form systems together with crane and hydraulic perimeter safety screens,” Peter explains.

“With various work fronts due to the staging of the works, Formtec built a temporary vehicle access ramp to allow unimpeded access to the shopping centre whilst the basement levels were being constructed,” Peter describes. “Completion of the car park and three towers took approximately 12 months.” It was this careful staging of the works that was critical to the project’s success.

Since commencing operations over two decades ago, Formtec Group has remained at the forefront of Sydney’s formwork market. Setting Formtec apart is its commitment to exceptional customer service and to introducing

innovative formwork systems that ensure safety, speed and reliability on all projects.

Specialising in major commercial and residential high rise developments, shopping centres, hospitals and all large scale projects, Formtec Group build in excess of 500,000m<sup>2</sup> of formwork per year.

Always focused on delivering to the highest benefit of every project, Formtec offer a wide range of formwork solutions to meet the specific needs of its clients. The types of formwork offered by Formtec include conventional and system table formwork, metal decking systems and prefabricated stair forms, custom design shuttering, hydraulic and crane operated jump forms, hydraulic and crane operated safety screens as well as forklifts, lift trucks and formwork hoists. Servicing the New South Wales construction industry, Formtec continues to strengthen its reputation on a wide variety of projects throughout the Sydney metropolitan and into regional New South Wales areas.

“Through successful planning, experienced management and dedicated workforce our team can work with any builder or developer to implement the most efficient and cost effective structural solution for any sized project,” says Peter. Formtec Group’s vast and experienced workforce undertake every project with the same high degree of commitment and professionalism. In addition to upholding the most efficient work practices, Formtec is dedicated to maintaining a safe worksite. “Safety is paramount,” Peter explains.

Formtec Group is currently engaged on a number of projects across Sydney. These projects include the \$200 million Narellan Town Centre redevelopment, the 20-storey multi-residential development Skye by Crown Group in North Sydney, as well as the \$115 million redevelopment of St Vincent’s Private Hospital in Sydney.

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