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Certified Cyclone-proof

Oceanfront living is not for everyone but for property developers and buyers who build homes along the foreshore, living by the sea has its advantages. The new, luxurious Uduya Point Apartments boasts a unique environment just outside of Suva city offering a range of benefits to residents and visitors alike. The constantly flowing trade winds by the Bay of Islands will leave you feeling refreshed as will a good night's sleep from the peace and quiet of these oceanfront units.

While most well-appointed homes and apartments on the waterfront have breathtaking views and endless ocean breeze, ensuring safety and security during unfavorable weather conditions can be a challenge. With the cyclone season upon us, architect and designer for Uduya Point Apartments, Peter Rankin, director of AAPi Design talks about his journey in creating this unique masterpiece, now a distinguished part of Suva's ocean front landscape, in relation to safety, sustainability and climate change.



Peter has been practicing in the Pacific for over 25 years and is a familiar and friendly face on the local scene. After having gained vast international experience in France, Germany and Asia, he chose to spend his time practicing architecture in Fiji where he quickly developed a reputation for high-quality, tropical architecture specialising with a scope that includes design, planning and implementation. He is a member of the Fiji Association of Architects and the Architects Registration Board of Fiji. Peter has successfully completed a multitude of hospitality and residential projects showcasing his unique tropical architectural flair including Laucala Island Resort, The Pearl Resort and Likuliku Island Resort as well as the new Albert Park Pavilion which stands as a proud landmark adjacent to her brother, Big Ben, in the capital city of Suva.

The same ocean frontage that uniquely affords Uduya Point Apartments' panoramic, unobstructed views of Suva, also exposes it to all the elements, year-round. Keenly aware of this,

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Peter and his design team took into account the necessary measures to ensure the effects of climate change and sea-level rise did not become issues now or in the future for the owners and residents of Uduya Point Apartments. “Because of this, the final floor level for the apartments was placed quite high with the ground level raised – relative to the ocean,” Peter clarified. Rankin added that, “similar to my other projects around Suva, my team applied sustainable architecture to Uduya Point Apartments as we sought to minimise the impact of construction on the environment and the potentially adverse effects to the building structure itself, once complete, caused by the ecosystem and weather elements at large.”

Upon completion of the building, Uduya Point Apartments was successfully issued with a Cyclone Certificate from Vijay Krishnan, director of Engineered Designs, the project civil and structural engineer. This cyclone certificate recognises the fact it was built to meet the national building code and engineering standards designed to withstand cyclones. It is also used by owners wishing to obtain cyclone insurance for their properties.

Mr. Rankin went on to say, “The Uduya Point project was unique specifically because of its location which boasts a 270 degree, panoramic view of Suva harbour - a location such as this required special solutions in terms of design, architecture and engineering. I’m glad the developers afforded us the creative freedom to merge a modern, tropical exterior with a light, minimalist interior.”

Uduya Point Apartments’ property development manager, Mark Acraman of Blue Horizon Property Solutions, confirmed, “we made sure that the apartment structure was built to superior engineering standards and designed to withstand severe cyclones. Our current cyclone certificate proves that construction met engineering specifications from beginning stages to completion which were all measured against industry standards. So, as the entire Fiji Group braces for Cyclone Yasa, we’re relieved to know that our building is well prepared for this storm and we hope you are too.

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