Lendlease begins construction on second CLT hotel in US

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Lendlease, the exclusive developer for the Department of Defense’s only privatized lodging portfolio, has commenced construction on the second hotel in the US using Cross Laminated Timber (CLT). The hotel, located on Fort Drum in Watertown, NY, is part of Lendlease’s more than 12,000-room Privatized Army Lodging (PAL) portfolio. Lendlease completed the first CLT hotel in the country in March of 2016, also part of the company’s PAL portfolio.

Made of several layers of pressed lumber board stacked in alternating directions, CLT offers builders maximized strength and durability with added sustainability and conservation benefits. CLT provides an exceptional exterior wall performance for the building envelope, and the hotel’s design is compliant with the Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) Anti-Terrorism Force Protection requirements for blast performance and progressive collapse.

“The Army’s partnership with Lendlease has allowed for an expansion of resources and expertise that benefits our service members and government workers across the country,” said Mr. Paul Cramer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment. “CLT has proven to be a reliable and sustainable building material, and we’re excited to expand our use within the PAL program.”

“The PAL program was established to bring quality lodging facilities to US Army installations, and we’ve taken that scope of work a step further to ensure we’re not only delivering quality facilities, but also sustainable facilities that will serve the Army well into the future,” said Gretchen Griffin, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Lendlease’s lodging program. “We’re very proud of every aspect of this project.”

Lendlease has pioneered the use of CLT around the globe, including Forté Living, Australia’s first multi-residential CLT building, and the Library at the Dock, Australia’s first public CLT building. Additionally, Lendlease successfully delivered Australia’s first CLT commercial office building, International House, in its highly sustainable Barangaroo development in Sydney.
The more than 65,000-square foot structure will include nearly 100 rooms, and will incorporate CLT for the hotel’s floors, roof, exterior walls, shaft walls and select interior walls. CLT installation began in November of 2017, and the project is scheduled to be completed late winter 2018. More than half of the installers are military veterans, several of whom were hired through the Fort Drum “Soldiers for Life” Transition Assistance Program.

Lendlease is the owner, developer, design-builder and asset manager for the Candlewood Suites® hotel on Fort Drum. IHG® (InterContinental Hotels Group) is the hotel operator and manager of IHG Army Hotels, which are located on 40 US Army installations and provide service and amenities tailored to meet the needs of military travelers.

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