

PERSPECTIVES

Scaling the heights of accomplishment

Insights into some of the ongoing projects that are on schedule and those where possession was handed over within the promised deadline



Godrej Properties Limited

Gaurav Shah, DGM - Marketing & Sales, Godrej Properties, Mumbai, says, "Timely completion of projects is of high importance in a business like ours, especially so for us at Godrej Properties. In most cases it indicates the most expensive purchase we make and if developers fail to交付 the full customers place in us. We realize that we have a huge advantage in the sector of having a strong and tested brand and when you are a trusted brand it also brings a very high level of expectation from the Company and the customer. The first phase of Gaurav Garden City, Alankaradeep and Godrej Phoenix, Mumbai, has been handed over at the timeline committed to our customers and we are on our way to complete project timelines and targets soon. At Godrej Properties, we have done a fair amount of work on our execution capabilities to try and mitigate project delays and ensure all our projects are per timelines committed."



Pride Group

Amit Patel, Managing Director, Pride Group, says, "Pride Group's recently launched mega-city township, Pride World City (PWC), at Chinchwad, near Lonavala airport, Pune, is a living developed area spanning 400 acres with investments of Rs. 6,000 crore in construction and will add another Rs. 5,000 crore in infrastructure. PWC, will be the largest real estate development in the region in years. The township is being developed in phases, and the present one, sometimes, I have been directly communicating to the buyers to their satisfaction, investing in an under construction property by a reputed developer not only assures buyers of time-bound possession, but considerably appreciates investment value upon hand-over."



Gera Developments

Rakesh Gera, MD, Gera Developments, says, "Buyers are often happy to earn the money they need to pay the developer for purchase of their property and delaying the project adds to the purchase for them and they pay later, that is why customers get squeezed between pre-the values, tax and they will need to pay later, if delaying the timeline, it is essential to check the track record of the developer, delivery of projects, its coverage, developer do not delay the project out of choice, if they are to complete the project on time, then they need to have access to capital and be willing to pay higher amounts towards project construction. Customers who want the house on time therefore need to be willing to pay extra to developers who have a track record of delivery. Terra Towers, and Gera's Park View situated are examples of our projects where execution have been on the planned timelines."



Kumar Urban Development Pvt Ltd

Rakesh Jain, Director, Kumar Urban Development Pvt Ltd (KUL), points out, "Completion of residential and commercial projects takes minimum of 2-3 years depending on the number of floors, infrastructure specifications, and accessibility of materials to the construction industry, etc. However, there are other reasons like labor availability and material availability which determines the project deadline. Our mission is to offer the Indian community with a spectrum of residential and business projects and the success story behind completed projects speaks our attitude towards commitment to stringent deadlines. It's about our efficiency that reflects our desire to meet. Our projects include KUL, Suryana, Kumar KUL, KUL, Elan and Kumar Shastriots."

Mayfair Housing

Nayan Shah, CEO & Managing Director, Mayfair Housing, Mumbai, says, "In today's time consumer biggest worry is about getting his dream house completed without much delay and Occupancy certificate (OC) is obtained by developers. This year we have handed over completed projects Mayfair Heights and Mayfair Residences, both of Bankasur (Mumbai) and obtained Full Occupancy Certificate (FOC) and Building Completion Certificate (BCC) and obtained BCC for Mayfair Residences. Another project, also our two projects for which completion dates were announced is the three towers of Project, Mayfair Seawise at Borivali West, which is scheduled for completion and occupancy on 1st December 2014 and Mayfair Height which is scheduled for completion and occupancy on 1st March 2015. We are on course to achieve the timely completion, also, all our ongoing projects like Mayfair Mystic (Completion 2015 June 2015), Mayfair Aman and Mayfair Green (Completion 1st December 2015) and Mayfair Green (Completion 7th January 2016) are progressing as per schedule."



Shapoorji Pallonji Real Estate

Gopal Engstrom, St. V.P. - Sales & Mktg., Shapoorji Pallonji Real Estate, says, "The past couple of years real estate industry has been affected by the opportunity bidders who cut corners in aspects of project execution and delivery, creating environment of doubt and scepticism in the mind of potential buyers' respectability with regards to timely completion and handing over. This is further complicated by the fact that when our industry is subjected to vagaries of an ever-changing regulatory environment, shortage and spike in availability of construction material and scarcity of the labour force. This resulted in reduced levels of interest by potential buyers to search under-construction properties, creating further pressure on developers to keep up to the proposed schedules. The flipside is that consumers expect to have strict regulation of quality and timely delivery, consistent performance in sales ratios of their products and are rewarded by the continued interest and patronage of potential customers. We have also entered Bengaluru with the present project."



Prajapati Constructions Ltd

Rajesh Pragapati, MD, Prajapati Constructions Ltd, says, "There are various reasons for delay in completion of projects, same can be attributed to developers, where projects get delayed due to want of funds or its partners. They do not do justice to the project, not coming to time from competent authorities. What can affect the completion of project. Therefore, it is very important for home buyers to do background check on credibility of the developer, its past performance and whether he has delivered on time and the dues on a project. We have mostly completed all our projects as per timelines. In name alone - Prajapati Five, Prajapati Seven, Prajapati Eight (Kharapur), Prajapati Nine (Vishram), etc. Ongoing projects which are on schedule include Prajapati Magnum and Prajapati Vihar (Dombivli)."



XRBIA Developers

Rakesh Patel, President, XRBIA Developers, amputates, "At XRBIA, we are using advanced construction technology (enhanced prefabricated modules) to build houses 3 times faster than our competitors, which means a 4-storey building can be erected within 90 days. With this technology, we are expecting to deliver our Rajiv Bhawan project next month in 9 months plus the committed date of December 2015. Also, timely delivery of projects is a win-win situation for both the developers and customers. As developers, it allows us to increase our retention rate of tenure plots, while customers are happy to live in relation with a timely possession."



Sanghvi Group

Shrikant Langat, Director, Sanghvi Group, emphasizes on the important factor contributing towards timely completion in proper planning, proper scheduling for different stages, implementation of various operations through proper coordination and consulting as per the design plan is necessary. Maintaining the quality of construction is equally important, along with timely completion. Most buyers seeking loan from housing institutions or those who stay on rent get the benefit on the interest/rent payment which they have to pay otherwise in their own house ready for possession. One of major factor affecting the project completion with circumstances is getting the permission from government authorities on time. A project has to go through a number of approvals before getting clearance for construction and the overall process is tedious and time consuming. It is important to take this period into consideration as a contingencies period and the timeline should be set, accurately and conveyed to the buyers. Shree Mahalaxmi Heights is a ready possessible project located at Shirdi, Nigandwai, Margao, Goa. This 22 storied tower was handed over with all the amenities and occupancy certificate in a short span of 25 years. The project has bagged the Best Redevelopment Project award."



Kripa Group

Arvind Chaudhary, Director, Kripa Group, says, "For projects to stay on schedule, it is very important that the developer is financially strong. Most projects that are delayed are due to financial constraints. The developer should not be dependent on sales to complete a project. Another thing is cost, if the project has allowed for just approvals in project. Many projects in the recent past have delayed due to a lack of approvals, besides financial and approvals, it is an environmental and performance issues that affects all the parties are incorporated and followed. Delays in a project have a negative impact on everyone, on buyers where it is receiving delivery in a particular time as well as costs go up for the developer when a project is delayed. Our ongoing project Kripa West is ready for threats anchorage is in following our major project Kripa West."



Kolte-Patil Developers Ltd

May Sane, CEO - Kolte-Patil Developers Ltd, Pune, says, "For most customers, many factors like the bank EMIs, temporary rental arrangement, kids school admissions, work place compatibility, property appreciation etc. are basically dependent on the timely property possession. Therefore at Kolte-Patil, we are committed towards timely completion of the projects. One of our projects in the IT hub of East Pune is Tuscan Estate, Infopark 1, comprising of 4-lacs sqft, with over 200 units being completed and delivered in time. Around 75% of the homes are already occupied."



Ghera Pravesh Buldtech Pvt Ltd

Ajay Kumar, CMD, Ghera Pravesh Buldtech Pvt Ltd, says, "We spend three months time in planning before launching projects - conceptual, site, anticipating maximum setbacks during construction, realistic view considering the time taken for demolition and construction duration, plus panoramic view considering delays in demolitions and anticipated tough socio-economic situation. Our committed date of delivery is based on pessimistic view, but internally we work considering the optimistic view point, which is communicated to our work force. This strategy usually results in pleasant surprise for customers when they get delivery before time. Government clearances are the biggest hurdle. Had these been given in time, the timelines would have been even better. Our Ghera Pravesh project at Hadia will take on time delivery - December 2014."



Analyst View: Amura Advisory

Vikram Joshi, MD, Amura Advisory, says, "Completion of real estate inventory across 2.03mn (Pune and Mumbai) in this year has been delayed, about 35-40% of the areas are awaiting government approvals for occupancy or completion certificates, which means the projects are ready but cannot be handed over to buyers. The remaining stock gets delayed due to financial issues for the said project, the developer and A single



developer can solve the first problem while the second problem can be tackled by not allowing the developer to cross-utilize funds across projects - something that is proposed in the new Real Estate Regulation Act. Until the bill is enacted, it's the developer's responsibility to deliver on time and protect the consumer's interest."



Amrit Enterprises Housing Ltd

Wade Patel, CMD - Amrit Enterprises Housing Ltd, says, "Amrit Enterprises Housing Ltd recently launched its mid-range homes project Asterias Club at Unnao, UP. The project consists of six towers, 2 BHK flats, in a cluster of 1200 flats with 900 square feet of livable area. Asteria Club will be launched earlier this year for an engineering responsive high-end budget homes buyers and investors. More than 200 units were sold within a very short span of time. Construction of the project is underway at full tilt, and buyers will get possession of their flats within 2-3 months. Timely completion and hand-over of possession is a key hallmark of selected developers, and one of the main reasons why buyers prefer to deal with them. It is not only about completion but also about such a developer's commitment to updating the final negotiation."