



Preview of the world's tallest hybrid commercial tower: Atlassian Central's first timber habitat revealed

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Sydney's skyline is changing with the **global reveal of the first timber habitat** at Atlassian Central – **the world's tallest hybrid timber commercial tower**, co-owned by Dexu and Atlassian.

Atlassian Central is one of the **world's most ambitious hybrid-timber projects**, with 10,000 cubic metres to be used in construction of the tower.

This milestone showcases a four-storey zone built from Glulam timber columns and beams and Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) slabs, **replacing traditional steel and concrete**. The Spruce wood used is highly specialised and sourced from Europe. (Note: this wood is not available in Australia).

This is the first of seven timber habitats that will form the building's signature atrium "park spaces" – **a first for high-rise commercial buildings** – naturally ventilated, light-filled zones designed to enhance wellbeing and reduce energy use.

Given the unique construction process, the habitats have been built from the inside out – installing the timber components with the façade following.

Constructed by Built and Obayashi, the tower's innovative diagrid structure, adaptive thermal comfort strategy and low-carbon materials are setting a new benchmark in sustainable design.

50% reduction in upfront embodied carbon in construction for substructure, superstructure and facades, compared to a conventionally constructed tower through material choice that minimises embodied carbon in the supply chain.

Located adjacent to Central Station, Atlassian Central will be both an architectural beacon as well as an innovative technical showcase within the **NSW Government's Tech Central precinct**.

Quotes

Dexu (Co-owner)

Peter Morley, Project Director:

"As co-owner and development manager of Atlassian Central, Dexu is proud to deliver a project that redefines what a commercial tower can be. By harnessing mass timber and low-carbon materials, we've cut embodied carbon by 50%, a bold step toward a regenerative future. Today, we're proud to unveil Australia's first timber habitat, in the world's tallest hybrid commercial tower. The habitat is the culmination of visionary design, climate leadership and workplace innovation, and will become a catalyst for change in the heart of Sydney's Tech Central precinct."

Atlassian (Co-owner and tenant)

Mike Cannon-Brookes, CEO and Co-Founder:

"We're not just putting up another office tower - we're rethinking what a workplace can be. It's sustainable design at global scale, right here in Sydney. One that's greener, smarter, and built for how teams actually work today."

With Atlassian Central, we're more than doubling our current Sydney footprint, but we've always known there would be space for like-minded, innovative companies to join us. This isn't just a new HQ for Atlassian. It's a long-term bet on Sydney and an investment in the Australian technology community - a place where world-class talent, ambitious startups, and global companies can come together and build what's next."

**Gina Creegan, Head of Workplace:**

"Atlassian Central is our blueprint for what the future of work should feel like - human, flexible, and deeply sustainable. The timber habitats bring that vision to life, combining natural materials, fresh air, and intentional design to create spaces where people actually want to be. The timber is a major contributor in reducing the tower's carbon footprint in half while creating internal parks in the sky. It's not just good for the planet, it's good for how teams connect, create, and thrive."

Built Obayashi JV (Builder)**James Barta, Construction Director:**

"Delivery of the first habitat at Atlassian Central marks a major milestone in what is one of Australia's most complex construction projects. With approximately 10,000 cubic metres of timber planned and over 1,200 cubic metres already installed, this project demonstrates the transformative potential of timber in delivering large-scale, sustainable buildings and sets a benchmark for innovative construction. Built, in joint venture with Obayashi Corporation, is proud to deliver this lighthouse project, made possible by the hard work of our team in developing buildable solutions and leveraging digital-first tools to navigate the complexities of this visionary build."

BVN (Architect)**Peter Titmuss, Principal**

"The timber habitat reveal continues the building's material transition - from the ochres and reds of the heritage podium to lighter, more natural tones above. It reflects a conceptual narrative that weaves together heritage and contemporary aspirations, with the habitats forming a key part of that story."

SHoP (Architect)**Andreia Teixeira, Associate Principal**

"The 'habitat' concept represents a human-centric vision for high-rise design - prioritising wellbeing, sustainability, and human connection to nature. Each four-storey module features a freestanding mass timber structure within a steel megaframe. These vertical habitats incorporate expansive atriums, landscaping, natural ventilation, and a high-performance façade - driving the future of high-rise design through environmental responsibility and bringing Atlassian and Dexus's vision for a sustainable, future-focused workplace to life."

NOTE TO EDITORS: High-res renders and video can be downloaded [here](#).

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