



## **WESTLAKE URBAN, AO COMMENCE STACKING ON INAUGURAL MODULAR HOSPITALITY PROJECT**

*Designed by modular architectural expert AO, the San Jose Hilton Garden Inn  
is slated for completion in 2020*

SAN JOSE, Calif. – Nov. 20, 2019 – [Westlake Urban](#), a full-service real estate development company and subsidiary of [Westlake Realty Group](#), and [architectural services firm AO](#), a pioneer in modular design and construction for hotel and residential projects, united project partners and community leaders on November 19 to commence the stacking of Westlake’s first modular project, the San Jose Hilton Garden Inn. Located at 101 East Gish Road, the 150-room project is comprised of 88 modular units built offsite in [Guerdon Modular Buildings’](#) factory in Idaho. The units will be stacked over the course of 10 days in four stories above a podium structure. The hotel is anticipated to reach completion in spring 2020.

“We’re grateful that Westlake Urban has entrusted AO with designing this complex project,” said Henry Wong, principal at AO. “While we have extensive experience designing and supervising construction of modular hospitality, each assignment comes with its own set of challenges and we’re fortunate to be working with fantastic project partners that will help us successfully bring the project to fruition.”

Guided by Hilton Garden Inn’s upscale sensibility and core focus on the guest experience, the five-story, 95,000-square-foot hotel will feature the same level of finish and state-of-the-art amenities that the brand maintains throughout its properties. Public areas will include a mini market, bar and dining spaces with an outdoor patio. These areas are designed to welcome guests and passerby alike by fostering an interactive relationship with the adjacent public way. Designed to attract tech savvy business travelers, a key guest demographic, these flexible spaces can adapt to accommodate a variety of needs, from intimate meetings to large gatherings.

“We’re excited to partner with Hilton and AO to build our first modular project,” said Kristina Chang, president, Westlake Realty. “Modular construction is an innovative way to build efficiently with multiple benefits, including cost savings, quality control, shorter project timeline and unparalleled soundproofing. We are looking forward to the opportunity to leverage this method in our future projects.”

San Jose Hilton Garden Inn will benefit from a prime location, less than 2 miles from the Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport. The hotel is near US 101, US 87 and I-880, and just a block away from VTA and BART stations. It will have easy access to downtown San Jose, the San

Jose McEnery Convention Center and other nearby attractions, including the Tech Interactive, SAP Center and Santana Row.

“The opening of one of the top service hotel brands nationwide sets the stage to modernize and revitalize the area,” added Wong. “We’re proud to bring an urban, contemporary space to the neighborhood that will improve the pedestrian experience and create a sense of place.”

### **About AO**

AO (formerly Architects Orange) is a relationship-focused, design-driven architectural services firm helping clients create places where people and business flourish. 2019 marks the firm’s 45th anniversary - a moment to reflect on indelible relationships and a legacy of design that has made AO a leader in its craft. The firm has 10 distinct areas of expertise including multifamily, retail, hospitality, mixed-use, restaurant, office, industrial, parking, landscape and global design. AO is known for its ardent collaboration with developers and owners, and deep expertise across various building types. The AO team of approximately 300 professionals operate from studios in the cities of Orange and San Diego, CA where it serves clients across North America, Asia, and beyond. Visit [aoarchitects.com](http://aoarchitects.com) to learn more.

### **About Westlake Urban**

Westlake Urban is a full-service real estate development company established to reposition specifically selected assets in Westlake Realty Group’s portfolio. The company’s goal is to meet the demands of today’s commercial and residential users who want to work and live in flexible, efficient, transit-oriented, environmentally friendly facilities.

Over the last 46 years, the tremendous growth of the San Francisco Bay Area has contributed to the value of Westlake’s portfolio of investments. Our founder, T.M. Chang, had the foresight to buy and hold parcels of land in viable areas throughout the Bay Area and western region, many of which have become anchors in their respective communities.

Today, Westlake Realty Group has grown into a multi-faceted real estate platform led by the third generation of the Chang family. Similar to Westlake’s prior generations, the focus remains on the long term, and we aspire to retain the family business values we live and breathe every day.

Westlake Urban is the key to revitalizing carefully selected properties to ensure that the assets in our portfolio remain integral parts of the urban, transit-rich communities where they reside.